EARLY SCHOLARS RESEARCH, APPLIED PRACTICE AND DISSERTATION GRANT AWARDS

The call for the FPI Early Career Scholars Grants Award Initiative is now closed. The call for the next year will go out in April of 2027. You may review the requirements below to assist in proposal preparations.

At least two grants of up to $5,000 will be awarded to early career professionals (ECP) and/or doctoral students residing in the United States of America for their research or clinical projects. ECPs and doctoral students may be in a variety of disciplines (e.g., family medicine, marriage and family therapy, nursing, psychiatry, psychology, social work, family studies, public health). Applicants may propose projects with budgets less than $5000.00. Each grant recipient will be connected with a mentor who may provide guidance, feedback, and support for the project.

All proposals will advance the FPI vision and mission.

FPI Vision Statement:

Family Process Institute is an independent, multidisciplinary, transnational organization dedicated to developing and exchanging new theory, research, applied practice, and policy related to families and other systems. Grounded in a commitment to social justice, Family Process Institute aims to be an independent voice for scholarly work in the field and to shape future directions for research and practice.

FPI Mission Statement:

- We oversee the journal, Family Process, and ensure the coordination of the operations between Family Process and our publishing partner, Wiley/Blackwell
- Family Process Institute develops and implements initiatives integrated with and separate from the Journal that promote the field of systemic theory, practice, research, and advocacy through:
  - Dissemination of knowledge regarding theory, practice, and research
  - Dissemination of training
  - Career development for young practitioners and scholars
  - Collaboration with professional organizations that promote and advocate for family and systems theory and practice
  - Active promotion of a systemic approach to social justice issues

1. EARLY CAREER APPLIED PRACTICE GRANT

Grants will propose scholarship to (a) support training, (b) advance diversity and social justice, and (c) lead to the development of innovative clinical activities related to the FPI vision and mission.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must have completed a terminal degree in their respective disciplines within the last 5 years.

Proposals

- Explicitly address how the research addresses the FPI vision and mission in the opening section of the proposal. Not to exceed one page.
- Present foundational skills that you have to conduct this research, and if there is need for advanced training, specify why and how you will get this. Not to exceed one page.
- 6-12 pages in length for the entire proposal (CV not inclusive)
  - Double-spaced
  - APA style (7th Edition)
- Follow a scientific structure which includes the following:
  - Specific aims and hypothesis for quantitative studies, and research question for qualitative studies
  - Background and significance to the field of family research
  - Research design, methodology for qualitative inquiry, and methods
  - Theoretical framework for your study, and if appropriate, epistemological paradigm of the researcher
  - Statement of subjectivity and no conflict of interest (e.g., positioning self of the researcher, how this may affect inquiry, and that there are no conflicts of interest)
  - Description of targeted sample, sample size, recruitment strategies and proposed analysis
  - IRB approval (or plan for approval) as well as consideration of potential ethical concerns
  - Brief description of co-PIs on the project (if there are any)
  - Amount requested, proposed budget and anticipated timeline for the research
  - Expected deliverables (e.g., presentations, publications, larger grant proposals)
  - Current curriculum vitae (CV)
  - Name and address of the grants finance person at the institution

Grant Recipient Responsibilities:

- There is a minimum expectation that applicants will complete the study as well as present the results of their research at a regional, national, or international conference; and submit a manuscript for publication. Awardees who do not meet minimal expectation of completing the study may be required to return a portion of the grant funding.
- All dissemination efforts resulting from activities in the grant are expected to carry an acknowledgement of FPI as a funding source.
- An extension, if needed, may be requested for not more than 12 months with written justification for time required. If there is a need for continuation of funding, there must be a written request for this extension, why it is necessary, and how the researcher will complete the study in this new time frame. Extended funding is possible only one time and for sufficient cause and requires approval by the committee. This request is due no later than 2 weeks prior to the final report.
- An interim report – a brief summary of the status of the project – is due February 1, of the year after your grant was awarded and a final report due July 1, that same year. The final report includes:
    - Important findings, a brief summary description of the process of inquiry, and a statement about impact.
    - Number of total participants.
    - Any problems that may have occurred
    - Presentation abstract(s) and references for conference (e.g., conference brochure).
    - Manuscript submission(s) and evidence of submission (e.g., letter from editor acknowledging receipt of manuscript).
    - Other dissemination efforts and outcomes.
    - A financial report of expenditures (specify allowable cost on proposal cover page, such as travel, graduate research assistant, analyses, consultant).
- A brief three-year follow-up survey will be due 3 years after your final report. The structured survey includes a request for feedback regarding outcomes (e.g. publications, grants, presentations, etc.) that have occurred since the grant award ended.

Allowable Costs:

- Support for meeting space and food (no alcohol) to promote community participants' involvement in training or ongoing development of clinical interventions
- Honorarium for consultants or speakers
- Publicity costs
- Costs for providing or developing web-based teaching products
- Stipend for administrative assistant

2. EARLY CAREER RESEARCH GRANT

Grants will propose scholarship in broad areas of (a) theory development, (b) advancement of diversity and social justice, (c) intervention development, and (d) theory or treatment testing related to the FPI vision and mission.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must have completed a terminal degree in their respective disciplines within the last 5 years.

Proposals

- Explicitly address how the research addresses the FPI vision and mission in the opening section of the proposal. Not to exceed one page.
- Present foundational skills that you have to conduct this research, and if there is need for advanced training, specify why and how you will get this. Not to exceed one page.
- 6-12 pages in length for the entire proposal (CV not inclusive)
  - Double-spaced
  - APA style (7th Edition)
- Follow a scientific structure which includes the following:
  - Specific aims and hypothesis for quantitative studies, and research question for qualitative studies
  - Background and significance to the field of family research
  - Research design, methodology for qualitative inquiry, and methods
  - Theoretical framework for your study, and if appropriate, epistemological paradigm of the researcher
  - Statement of subjectivity and statement of no conflict of interest (e.g., positioning self of the researcher, how this may affect inquiry, and that there are no conflicts of interest)
  - Description of targeted sample, sample size, recruitment strategies and proposed analysis
  - IRB approval (or plan for approval) as well as consideration of potential ethical concerns
  - Brief description of co-PIs on the project (if there are any)
  - Amount requested, proposed budget and anticipated timeline for the research
  - Expected deliverables (e.g., presentations, publications, larger grant proposals)
  - Current curriculum vitae (CV)
  - Name and address of the grants finance person at the institution

Grant Recipient Responsibilities:

- There is a minimum expectation that applicants will complete the study as well as present the results of their research at a regional, national, or international conference; and submit a manuscript for publication. Awardees who do not meet minimal expectation of completing the study may be required to return a portion of the grant funding.
- All dissemination efforts resulting from activities in the grant are expected to carry an acknowledgement of FPI as a funding source.
- An extension, if needed, may be requested for not more than 12 months with written justification for time required. If there is a need for continuation of funding, there needs to be a written request for this extension, why it is necessary, and how the researcher will complete the study in this new time frame. Extended funding is possible only one time and for sufficient cause and requires approval by the committee. This request is due no later than 2 weeks prior to the final report.
- An interim report – a brief summary of the status of the project – is due February 1, of the year after your grant was awarded and a final report due July 1, that same year. The final report includes:
    - Important findings, a brief summary description of the process of inquiry, and a statement about impact.
    - Number of total participants.
    - Any problems that may have occurred
    - Presentation abstract(s) and references for conference (e.g., conference brochure).
    - Manuscript submission(s) and evidence of submission (e.g., letter from editor acknowledging receipt of manuscript).
    - Other dissemination efforts and outcomes.
    - A financial report of expenditures (specify allowable cost on proposal cover page, such as travel, graduate research assistant, analyses, consultant).
- A brief three-year follow-up survey will be due 3 years after your final report. The structured survey includes a request for feedback regarding outcomes (e.g. publications, grants, presentations, etc.) that have occurred since the grant award ended.

Allowable Costs:

- Research Assistant support
- Consultant stipend
- Payment to participants
- Software, allowable if specialized and project specific (e.g., N6 for qualitative research)
- Travel related to conducting study
- Subject assessment costs (e.g., lab tests, specialized computer assessments, copyrighted assessment tools, blinded scoring of tapes, etc.)

3. DISSERTATION GRANT

Grants will propose scholarship in broad areas of (a) systems thinking and knowledge (b) training and practice related to families, and (c) advancement of diversity and social justice related to the FPI vision and mission.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must have successfully defended their dissertation proposals and received IRB approval from their institutions.

- Current enrollment and good standing in a doctoral program (verification required by applicant's dissertation chair, department/program, or authorized university entity)
- Successful completion of dissertation proposal and IRB approval (verification required by letter from applicant's dissertation chair and copy of IRB approval)

Proposals:

- Explicitly address how the research addresses the FPI vision and mission in the opening section of the proposal. Not to exceed one page.
- Present foundational skills that you have to conduct this research, and if there is need for advanced training, specify why and how you will get this. Not to exceed one page.
- 6-12 pages in length for the entire proposal (CV not inclusive)
  - Double-spaced
  - APA style (7th Edition)
- Follow a scientific structure which includes the following:
  - Specific aims and hypothesis for quantitative studies, and research question for qualitative studies
  - Background and significance to the field of family research
  - Research design, methodology for qualitative inquiry, and methods
  - Theoretical framework for your study, and if appropriate, epistemological paradigm of the researcher
  - Statement of subjectivity and no conflict of interest (e.g., positioning self of the researcher, how this may affect inquiry, and that there are no conflicts of interest)
  - Description of targeted sample, sample size, recruitment strategies and proposed analysis
  - Consideration of potential ethical concerns
  - Amount requested, proposed budget and anticipated timeline for the research
  - Expected deliverables (e.g., presentations, publications, larger grant proposals)
  - Current curriculum vitae (CV)
  - Name and address of the grants finance person at the institution

Grant Recipient Responsibilities:

- There is a minimum expectation that applicants will present at a regional, national, or international conference and submit a manuscript for publication. Awardees who do not meet minimal expectations may be required to return the grant funding.
- An acknowledgement of FPI as a funding source is expected in the dissertation as well as any presentations and/or publications resulting from the research.
- An interim report – a brief summary of the status of the project – is due February 1, of the year after your grant was awarded and a final report due July 1, that same year. The final report includes:
  - Important findings and a statement about impact.
  - Number of total participants.
  - Evidence of completed dissertation (e.g., letter from Chair).
  - Presentation abstract(s) and references for conference (e.g., conference brochure).
  - Manuscript submission(s) and evidence of submission (e.g., letter from editor acknowledging receipt of manuscript).
  - Other dissemination efforts and outcomes.
  - A financial report of expenditures (specify allowable cost on proposal cover page, such as travel, graduate research assistant, analyses, consultant).
- A brief three-year follow-up survey will be due 3 years after your final report. The structured survey includes a request for feedback regarding outcomes (e.g. publications, grants, presentations, etc.) that have occurred since the grant award ended.

Allowable Costs:

- Payment to participants
- Hourly research assistance
- Statistical or methodological consultation
- Software, allowable if specialized and project specific (e.g., N6 for qualitative research)
- Travel related to conducting study
- Subject assessment costs (e.g., lab tests, specialized computer assessments, copyrighted assessment tools, blinded scoring of tapes)

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Proposals will be due September 1st following the opening of the call in April. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by the Committee of the FPI. Proposals will be scored by December, and projects will have a start date of the following January. An interim report, which consists of a brief summary of the status of the project, is due February 1, the year following the start of the grant award. A final report must be submitted by July 1, 18-months post award.