



## 2020 Student Dissertation Grants

*Application Deadline: November 15, 11:59 p.m.*

*Application Link: <https://bit.ly/20-SPA-dissertation-grants>*

The Society for Personality Assessment (SPA) is the largest comprehensive society dedicated to the advancement of the science and practice of personality assessment for the betterment of society. We are excited to launch our 2020 grants processes.

These awards of up to \$800 dollars must have an approved dissertation proposal before applying for the grant.

Although not required at time of application, to receive the grant, the student must hold an active student membership for the 2021 calendar year. It is expected that the findings of this research will be presented at a forthcoming Annual Convention of SPA.

The following materials should be submitted online at this link: <https://bit.ly/20-SPA-dissertation-grants>

- A **maximum** of ten (10) double-spaced pages summarizing the proposed project; the proposal should include (a) purpose of the project, (b) a brief literature review specific to the study's focus, (c) hypotheses, (d) methods, procedures, research design, and planned statistical analyses (these are key sections: be specific), and (e) a brief description of the study's contribution to personality assessment.
- A one (1) page itemized budget (use Budget Page) detailing allocation of grant funds to specific plan expense items, including justification. We also would like to know about other funding sources for the project. Please see the following link for more information about applicable and excluded expenses: <https://bit.ly/35z3J0t> .
- A projected timeline outlines the timing of your project, including when you believe results would be able to be presented at an upcoming SPA conference.
- A copy of your curriculum vitae
- A letter of support from your dissertation chair which addresses your research skills and the impact of the project. If your chair would like to submit the letter directly to SPA, please have them email [manager@spaonline.org](mailto:manager@spaonline.org) by the November 15 deadline.

# SPA Research Grants Budget Information

## Examples of Applicable Expenses

- Compensation of research participants
- Computer software (e.g., test scoring software not available through institution)
- Photocopying
- Postage
- Recording medium (e.g., DVD, Videotapes)
- Small equipment (e.g., tape recorders, cameras)
- Testing forms, materials, or required test scoring expenses (e.g., Rorschach protocols, MMPI-2 test scoring, drawing or play materials for children)
- Travel costs to project site (only if other than the student's training institution, practicum, or internship site); use your university's travel (e.g., mileage) reimbursement rates

## Excluded Expenses

- Computer equipment
- Dissertation printing and binding costs
- General living expenses
- Salaries or stipends
- Travel to conferences or between student's residence and their training institution
- Tuition