

**The Foundation for Psycho-cultural Research**  
**DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP**  
IN  
**INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES OF CULTURE AND NEUROSCIENCE**

**PURPOSE:**

The Foundation for Psycho-cultural Research (The FPR) will competitively award limited dissertation research fellowships aimed at advancing interdisciplinary research projects and scholarship at the intersection of psychology, culture, neuroscience and psychiatry, with emphasis on psycho-cultural factors as central, not peripheral.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Applicants must be a doctoral candidate in Anthropology, Psychology, Neuroscience, or Health sciences, and should have interest in completing a dissertation involving interdisciplinary research in culture, neuroscience, and psychiatry. The dissertation topic will involve substantial engagement in the current topical focus, which for 2002-2004 is 'Interdisciplinary Approach to Post Traumatic Stress and Resilience.' The interdisciplinary approach will emphasize the cultural and neuroscientific approaches to the study of PTSD. **Candidates must be enrolled at an accredited US university or institution.**

The next (2004-2007) topical focus will be on 'Trauma and the Interaction of Early Relational Experiences, Social Context, and Developmental Trajectories.' is scheduled for November 5-7, 2004 at UCLA.

**STIPEND AND INSTITUTIONAL ALLOWANCE:**

Grants will be in the amount of \$25,000 each, awarded on a one-time basis. An institutional allowance of \$ 1,250 per year is allotted to the host institution, to be used at the sponsor's discretion to help pay for the fellow's research supplies, travel to scientific meetings, or health insurance.

The FPR does not permit deductions to cover administrative expenses from either the stipend or the institutional allowance. Payments are made monthly to the host institution.

**DEADLINES FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:**

Annual deadlines for the receipt of applications are February 15 and August 15. If a deadline falls on a weekend, applications will be accepted on the following Monday. Allow a minimum of 4 months between the deadline and the desired activation date. Fellowships are activated on the first of the month and must activate within one year of the deadline. Applicants are notified of the review committee's decision within 12 weeks of deadline.

**GRANTING CRITERIA:**

Granting criteria will be based on the assessment of the novelty and integration of the proposed interdisciplinary research, applicant's interest in, and academic or professional promise with respect to, interdisciplinary research in neuroscience, culture, and psychiatry.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

### **Application Format:**

The completed application must include one application letter and 8 copies of the following items, collated in the following specified order:

1. Table of contents of application.
2. Application Cover Sheet containing the following information:
  - a. Title of study.
  - b. Name of applicant.
  - c. Applicant's university.
  - d. Department of the university.
  - e. Mailing address.
  - f. Telephone number.
  - g. Internet address.
  - h. Date.
  - i. University's tax identification number.
  - j. Name of the Principal Investigator for the proposal (which can be the applicant's faculty advisor or chair of the dissertation committee, but not the applicant).
  - k. Name of the person authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the university.
  - l. Signature of applicant and signature of university official authorized to sign grant application.
3. A statement from the dissertation advisor or chairman of the dissertation committee attesting that the student has met all eligibility criteria, or a copy of the form on which members of the dissertation committee approve the proposal, with their signatures.
4. A statement from the appropriate official that describes the university's support, e.g. from the Dissertation Committee Chair.
5. An abstract of 500 words or less that addresses the following topics:
  - a. Specific purpose of the dissertation.
  - b. Methodology being used.
  - c. The way eligibility criteria are met.
6. A narrative of the proposed research, in non technical English, explaining the importance of the proposed research and its potential application/ clinical relevance, not to exceed 5, typewritten pages (inclusive of tables and figures; exclusive of references) that includes:
  - a. Statement of problem.
  - b. Research design and methodology.
  - c. Application/ clinical relevance of the research.
7. A brief description of the applicant's background and research and/or academic accomplishments.
8. Academic Transcript of Records.

9. A Statement of Interest (A maximum of 3 pages) describing in detail applicants' interests (i.e. general and/or specific research interests) in interdisciplinary research and/or scholarship culture-mind-brain interactions and future goals.
10. The date for which applicants is seeking the FPR fellowship and a list of other funding sources to which applications have been or will be submitted, with due dates.
11. Applicant's curriculum Vitae.
12. Concise outline of the research proposal (background, significance, specific aims, materials and methods, summary) not to exceed 5 pages
13. Letters of Recommendation from the sponsor and 2 other individuals, well acquainted with the applicant's work. In addition to the Confidential Reference Report, these letters should address the applicant's interests, prior work and achievements, and professional promise. If these letters are being mailed separately, please ask the senders to provide 8 copies and to meet the deadlines.

Please include a self-addressed postcard if you wish to be notified that we have received your application.

**The application will not be considered if:**

Applications exceeding any mentioned page limits. All 8 sets of items 1 through 9 must be collated. If not collated, the application will not be considered. Letters of recommendation requested in item 9 should be collated unless they are sent directly to the FPR by the referees by the deadlines.

Application received after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered unless it is received before awards are made, **and** there is evidence, i.e., a postmark or receipt from an express service carrier, that the application was placed in the mail or delivered to the carrier by the due date. The time of receipt at the receiving installation is either the time/date stamp of such installation on the application wrapper or other documentary evidence maintained by the FPR.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Applications must be typed single-space using a 12 pt or larger font size, with 1" margins. One hard copy of the application and an additional electronic copy (Word 6 or higher) are required. The additional electronic copy can be sent by e-mail to : foundationpsycul@aol.com (preferably in Rich Text Format). Applications may not be faxed. Any additional or supplemental data or other modification to an application is subject to the conditions above.

**MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Send completed applications to:  
The Director,  
The Foundation for Psycho-cultural Research,  
PO Box 826,  
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272, U.S.A.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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