

Emerging Scholars in Family Planning

As one of its core strategies, the Society of Family Planning Research Fund (SFPRF) is seeking to build and support an inclusive, multidisciplinary, skilled and well-connected community of emerging scholars with a shared focus on family planning. Providing early-career research support to graduate-level trainees is an important step to actualizing this strategy.

To this end, we are offering the Emerging Scholars in Family Planning grant. The grant may be used to support a publishable scholarly research project, including those associated with a thesis or dissertation. The proposed project activities should be completed within one year of award.

The goal of the Emerging Scholars in Family Planning grant award is to cultivate the next generation of scholars by supporting their work and welcoming them into the family planning research community.

This grant is designed to help trainees establish a family planning research portfolio. Grant deliverables include the completion of a publishable scholarly research project, including those associated with a thesis or dissertation.

Eligibility

Grants will be made to organizations on behalf of a named Principal Investigator. A Principal Investigator need not be a current SFP member in order to apply. Grants are limited, without exception, to academic institutions, research organizations, and community-based organizations with nonprofit or tax-exempt status.

These grants are open to scholars who:

- at the time of application and award are enrolled in a degree program at the master's- or doctorate-level, or in clinical study as a medical student, nursing student, or resident.
- are proposing a research project based in the US; and
- reside in the US.

Funds

The maximum grant award is \$7,500. Funds may be used to support expenses that are directly related to research (e.g. statistical support, translation services, equipment, participant reimbursement, and travel directly associated with conducting research). Up to 20% of the requested award amount may be used as stipends to support time or to present findings at an academic conference. We encourage scholars to submit their work for presentation at a broad array of conferences.

In addition, grant recipients will receive the following:

Networking

Complimentary registration, hotel, and travel to attend the 2019 and 2020 Society of Family Planning (SFP) Annual Meetings.

Complimentary membership to SFP for one year during the award period (August 2019-2020).

Mentorship

Up to \$3,000 to support a mentorship contract (scope of work defined by the mentee) with a mentor matched to the scholar from SFP membership on the basis of the research topic, as well as support from SFPRF staff to define these scopes of work and administer the mentorship contract.

Career Development

Funding to cover processing fees associated with open-access publication, provided the work is published within two years of grant completion.

The award period is twelve months:
November 1, 2019 through **October 30, 2020**

However, funds will be available and the project may start as early as **August 15, 2019**, upon receipt of IRB approval and a signed agreement.

Review of applications

Applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of SFP members, mentors, representatives from partner organizations, past and current grant recipients, content experts, and others vested in supporting the next generation of family planning scholars.

Review criteria

Each application is assessed on these review considerations:

Proposed pilot research project

How does the research support the goal of advancing knowledge related to abortion and contraception? What is the need for this research/what gap will this work fill?

Are the study design and proposed methods well suited to answer the research questions in a rigorous and scientifically sound way?

Is the selection of participant characteristics (by age, location, race, and ethnic background, etc.) justified?

Will the sample of participants be representative of the population of interest?

Has the applicant identified the target audience and do they have a feasible plan for the dissemination of findings? Will the target audience use or benefit from the findings of this work in a meaningful way?

Applicant

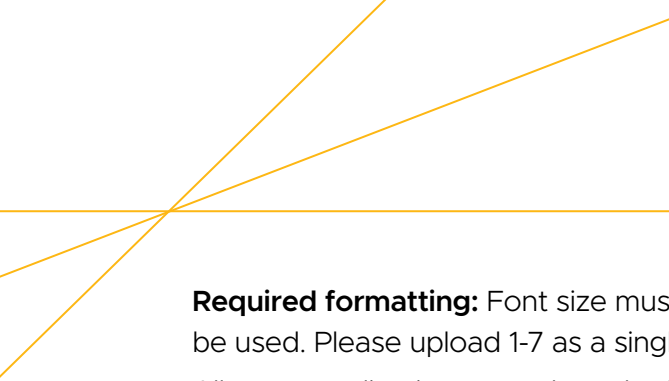
Does the applicant demonstrate a commitment to family planning research?

Does the applicant demonstrate the potential to benefit from the award?

Proposal Instructions

Application components

- 1. Online application form:** Includes contact and demographic information for the applicant, institution, and parties responsible for accounts payable and grants management if the project is funded.
- 2. Summary (250 words):** Provide a summary of your educational and professional background, along with a short description of the pilot research project for which you are seeking support. This information will be used in SFPRF's newsletter, website, and for other educational and promotional purposes should the applicant be funded.
- 3. Personal statement (2 pages):** Outline your academic training and professional goals, why becoming an SFPRF Emerging Scholar is important to your professional development, and how you see yourself contributing to the SFP community now and in the future. Describe how your background, life experience, and/or scholarship will bring greater equity, inclusion, or diversity in disciplinary scholarship to the field.
- 4. Proposal narrative (6 pages, not including timeline or citations):** Must include project title, abstract (no more 250 words), specific aims, background and significance, research design and methods (including study limitations and potential pitfalls and how they will be addressed). Describe your theory of change, and explain how the proposed activities seek to impact clinical practice, public policy, culture, health services, programs, or patient outcomes.
- 5. Mentoring needs (1 page):** Identify what type of mentoring support would be most beneficial to you taking into consideration your educational, professional, and personal growth. Consider skills, discipline, and content expertise when visioning a mentor. Information provided here will be used to match you with a mentor best suited to support you.
- 6. Budget and justification (2 pages):** A detailed budget is required along with a budget justification that describes how each item in the project budget relates to project activities. Be sure to justify all expenses and detail any additional funds that will be used for the project. If the project has received additional funding, describe the source of any additional funds.
- 7. Curriculum vitae (CV) of applicant**
- 8. Letter of recommendation (1 page):** The faculty member should comment on the applicant's potential for a research career, the applicant's ability to conduct the proposed research, and the resources available to the applicant to conduct the study.



Required formatting: Font size must be at least 11 points, and 1.5 line spacing must be used. Please upload 1-7 as a single PDF file.

All grant applications must be submitted electronically through the online [Emerging Scholars application portal](#).

SFPRF welcomes the opportunity to provide clarification around or assistance with any components of the application. Please contact Info@SocietyFP.org.



Application submission opens on
April 19, 2019 and closes **June 11, 2019**