



of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

AAHPERD RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES 2011-12

Over \$500,000 in grant funding has been awarded through the AAHPERD Research Grant Program since its inception in 1997. The program is administered through the AAHPERD Research Consortium and is designed to fund member projects of value to the HPERD professions. For the 2011-12 funding year, grants are being offered in two categories: (1) Early Career Investigator and (2) Graduate Student.

GRANT CATEGORIES

EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR:

PURPOSES:

- Further the mission of one or more of the National Associations that make up the Alliance (see below).
- Support original research in health, physical education, sport, recreation and/or dance.
- Encourage interdisciplinary and collaborative research.
- Support research by members who are early career investigators.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

- Has been a member of AAHPERD and the Research Consortium for at least one full year at time of application. A lapse in AAHPERD membership is considered a break in Research Consortium membership.
- Is typically 5 years or less past completion of terminal degree.
- Has demonstrated research capabilities and focus as evidenced by presenting research and publishing papers in professional journals.
- Must be on the faculty or staff of the university/organization where the research is to be performed.

A maximum of \$7,500 per award will be granted for high-impact studies of significance to AAHPERD National Association missions.

GRADUATE STUDENT:

PURPOSES:

- Further the mission of one or more of the National Associations that make up the Alliance (see below).
- Support original research in health, physical education, sport, recreation and/or dance.
- Support research by members who are masters or doctoral level students.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

- Must be a member of AAHPERD and the Research Consortium at time of application.
- Must have an advisor/mentor on the faculty or staff at the institution where the research is to be performed who has been a member of AAHPERD and the Research Consortium for at least one full year at time of application and is willing to serve as the faculty sponsor. A lapse in AAHPERD membership is considered a break in Research Consortium membership.
- Is a full- or part-time masters or doctoral level degree-seeking student enrolled in the university/college where the research is to be performed.
- Has personally conceived of the original research project (rather than carrying out a faculty advisor's project). Dissertation and thesis research projects are eligible for consideration.

A maximum of \$3,000 per award will be granted for proposals of exceptional quality demonstrating student driven contributions to the fields of HPERD.

GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

PROGRAM TIMELINE:

- Phase I Pre-Proposals Due: October 3, 2011
- Phase I Notifications: December, 2011
- Invited Phase II Full Proposals Due: February 1, 2012
- Awards will be announced between mid-March and early April, 2012
- The research project, including data collection and analysis, must be completed by August 31, 2013

EVALUATION:

Proposals are reviewed by the Research Consortium Grant Committee, as well as by recognized external topical research experts selected by the committee chair. Final approval for all grants lies with the Research Consortium Executive Board.

Phase I proposals are evaluated on a 5-point scale for each of the abstract sections (purpose, background literature and theoretical framework, proposed design and methodology and

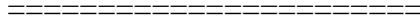
qualitative and/or quantitative analysis plan), plus an assessment of overall clarity, investigator capability and for graduate student grant proposals only, student-originated concept. Applicants receive evaluation scores and a summary of reviewer comments.

GRANTEE REQUIREMENTS:

- All grants are made payable to the principal investigator's university/institution. All such universities/institutions must have an established Institutional Review Board (IRB) and a Grants/Contracts Office or other office accountable for financial tracking and reporting.
- IRB approval and informed consent for human subjects documentation must be submitted to the Research Consortium for grant awardees prior to release of funds from AAHPERD.
- A progress report will be required in addition to a final written report including budget and a lay summary of findings for AAHPERD's use in promoting the program and its recipients.
- All unexpended funds must be returned to the Research Consortium in full within 60 days of the final written report.
- Principal Investigators must assume personal responsibility for the proposal, execution of the research plan, and presentation of the results at an AAHPERD National Convention.
- All written documents including publications and presentation materials, and print and electronic communications that result from successful funding of this application must include the following or a similar statement: "This work was supported by funds received from the AAHPERD Research Grant Program."

LIMITATIONS ON FUNDING:

- Grants may not necessarily be awarded in each of the categories in a given grant cycle. Funding decisions are based on the merit of the proposals received and the funds available for disbursement.
- Partial funding may be awarded.
- Expenses may not predate the award.
- For Early Career Investigator Grants:
 - Investigator(s) salary is capped at a maximum of \$2,500 per proposal
 - Indirect costs up to 10% are permissible
- Personnel and indirect costs are not allowed for Graduate Student Grants.
- Funds shall not be expended for equipment normally provided by an institution or not directly related to data collection.
- Travel costs are limited to those required for the collection of data. Funds shall not be expended to present findings as required above.
- Limit on number of proposals:
 - One proposal per primary investigator
 - One graduate student grant proposal per faculty sponsor
- Primary investigators with funded grants are eligible to apply again three years from date that grant was initially submitted, provided all grant requirements have been met.



AAHPERD'S NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:



The **American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation (AAPAR)** is dedicated to enhancing quality of life by promoting creative and active lifestyles through meaningful physical activity, recreation and fitness experiences across the lifespan with particular focus on community-based programs.



The **American Association for Health Education (AAHE)** serves health educators and other professionals who promote the health of all people. AAHE encourages, supports, and assists health professionals concerned with health promotion through education and other systematic strategies.



The **National Association for Girls and Women in Sport (NAGWS)** develops and delivers equitable and quality sport opportunities for all girls and women through relevant research, advocacy, leadership development, educational strategies, and programming in a manner that promotes social justice and change.



The **National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE)** seeks to enhance knowledge, improve professional practice, and increase support for high quality physical education, sport, and physical activity programs.



The **National Dance Association (NDA)** leads in promoting and supporting creative, artistic and healthy lifestyles through quality services and programs in dance and dance education.

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