



AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**APF JOHN AND POLLY SPARKS EARLY CAREER GRANT**  
**FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS INVESTIGATING SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE (SED)**

**About the American Psychological Foundation (APF)**

APF provides financial support for innovative research and programs that enhance the power of psychology to elevate the human condition and advance human potential both now and in generations to come.

Since 1953, APF has supported a broad range of scholarships and grants for students and early career psychologists as well as research and program grants that use psychology to improve people's lives.

APF encourages applications from individuals who represent diversity in race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, and sexual orientation.

**About the John and Polly Sparks Early Career Grant**

The John and Polly Sparks Early Career Grant supports early career psychologists conducting research in the area of early intervention and treatment for serious emotional disturbance in children.

The John and Polly Sparks Foundation partnered with APF to empower early career psychologists to produce scientifically – based research and programs that could provide models for broad-based applications across the country.

*APF supports original, innovative research and projects. Although APF favors unique, independent work, the Foundation does fund derivative projects that are part of larger studies.*

**Program Goals**

The John and Polly Sparks Early Career Grant

- Empowers early career psychologists to produce scientifically – based research and programs (on serious emotional disturbance) that could provide models for broad-based applications across the country.
- Encourages early career psychologists to devote their careers to methods of intervention and treatment for serious emotional disturbance in children.

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## Amount

Two grants of up to \$17,000 each.

*For grants and scholarships that are \$10,000 or more, APF will make the award to your institution. APF does not allow institutional indirect costs or overhead costs. Applicants may use grant monies for direct administrative costs of their proposed project.*

## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be a psychologist with an EdD, PsyD, or PhD from an accredited university
- Be no more than 10 years postdoctoral

## Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on:

- Conformance with stated program goals and qualifications
- Quality and impact of proposed work
- Innovation and contribution to the field with proposed project
- Applicant's demonstrated competence and capability to execute the proposed work

## Proposal Requirements

- Title and description of proposed project to include goal, relevant background, target population, methods, and anticipated outcomes. Please include the following (*Not to exceed five pages, 1-inch margins, 11 point Times New Roman/Garamond Font*):
  - Relevant background, literature review, specific aims, significance
  - Methods section (must be detailed enough so that the design, assessments, and procedures can be evaluated)
  - Implications section
- Timeline of proposed project (*not to exceed 1 page*)
- Detailed budget and justification (*not to exceed 1 page*)
- Current CV
- Two letters of support

## Submission Process and Deadline:

Please submit a completed application online by **March 15, 2017**.

<http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/sparks-early-career.aspx>

*Please be advised that APF does not provide feedback to applicants on their proposals.*

Questions about this program should be directed to Erin Carney, Program Officer, at [ecarney@apa.org](mailto:ecarney@apa.org)

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