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NASP Graduate Student Research Grants

The NASP Graduate Student Research Grants¹ (GSRG) were created to support graduate student research and to facilitate high quality student-initiated research that supports the mission and goals of NASP and has the potential to impact the field positively. Notably, these grants address the following areas of the NASP Strategic Plan:

- *PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY: NASP will ensure that current and future school psychologists have competencies and skills to support the diverse strengths and needs of children, families, and schools.*
- *ADVOCACY: NASP will advocate for appropriate research-based education and mental health services for all children and families.*

Grant Amount: Grant recipients will receive up to \$1000 to be used for research expenses detailed in the proposed budget. Budgets may include reasonable and necessary expenses directly associated with the procedures in the research study, but should not include funds for tuition, stipends, travel not associated with the research procedures, or permanent equipment. Grantees will be required to submit a presentation proposal for a NASP Convention within two years of receiving the grant. The convention registration fee will be reimbursed to grant recipients at the student rate of \$85, should their presentation proposal be accepted for the convention. If a grant recipient is no longer a student, the equivalent of the student registration fee will be reimbursed, with the balance being the responsibility of the grant recipient.

WPS Travel Grants! Through the generosity of **Western Psychological Services** (WPS), GSRG recipients are eligible for travel grants to present their funded research results at a NASP Convention (should their presentation proposal be accepted). Supporting school psychology and the research that sustains the field's growth, WPS will award each GSRG recipient a **\$500 WPS Travel Grant** to cover costs incurred in attending the NASP Convention. To receive a grant, GSRG recipients must provide WPS with documentation of acceptance in the NASP convention program and completion of travel.

Eligibility: Up to three grants may be awarded each year, one to a doctoral student and one to a non-doctoral student, pending a sufficient pool of competitive applicants. The third grant may be awarded to either a doctoral or a non-doctoral student. Applicants must be regular or student members of NASP at the time of application. The proposed research may be required for completion of their program (e.g., thesis or

¹ Formerly NASP Graduate Student Research Awards (GSRA)

dissertation) or it may be additional research the student is conducting. The student must be the principal investigator and this must be clearly indicated in the award application and proposal materials.

Priority Funding Areas: Consistent with the Future of School Psychology priority goals, which are supported by NASP, research projects focused in the following areas will be given priority:

- Improving academic performance for all children
- Improving social-emotional functioning for all children
- Enhancing family-school partnerships and parent involvement in schools
- More effective education and instruction for all learners
- Increasing child and family services in schools that promote health and mental health and are integrated with community services

Important Note: Graduate students who receive a grant will be required to submit a summary of their research to be considered for publication in the NASP *Communiqué*. Students will be responsible for working with the editor of the *Communiqué* to finalize their publication.

Review Process and Timeline: Proposals will be reviewed in two steps. First step, a three-person subcommittee of the NASP Research Committee will review proposals. Top-rated proposals will undergo a second-step review by a separate three-person subcommittee. Each subcommittee will consist of no less than three Research Committee members, including one student committee member. The four grantees will be chosen from the proposals undergoing the second-step review. Grantees will be notified via e-mail no later than November 25, 2011.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Required Application Materials:

1. Demographic Information Form (signed by your program coordinator. See the form at the end of this document.)
2. Letter of Application (maximum one-page typed letter describing your research interests, experiences, and career plans)
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Research proposal (see requirements below)

Research Proposal Requirements:

- The proposal must include the following elements: (a) title page, (b) introduction (c) explanation of the purpose for the project including relevant literature, (d) methodology, (e) research questions, (f) data analyses, (g) a detailed budget, (h) budget justification, (i) description of the study's importance to school psychology, and (j) relevant references.

- The proposal must follow the guidelines in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th edition).
- The proposal must be typed using a minimum of a 10-point font and shall be no longer than 5 double-spaced pages in length exclusive of the title page, budget page, budget justification, and references.

Applications that do not meet these proposal requirements will NOT be reviewed.

Submitting Your Application:

Submit your application at this link:

http://www.nasponline.org/about_nasp/gsra_launch.aspx. Applications must be submitted online as a single document, with the exception of the Demographic Information Form. This form may be included in the single document submitted online or submitted separately by mail, as an e-mail attachment, or by fax (if you fax the form, please save your fax confirmation to document that the form was sent before the deadline). Send application materials to Dr. Eric Mesmer, Assistant Professor, Psychology Department, 406 Russell Hall, Radford University, Radford, VA 24142; e-mail: emesmer@radford.edu; fax: 540-831-6113.

Application Deadline: 5:00 pm EDT, October 1, 2011. Incomplete applications or applications submitted after this time will not be reviewed.

Questions? Contact Dr. Eric Mesmer, NASP Research Committee Cochair, at emesmer@radford.edu.

**NASP Graduate Student Research Grants
Demographic Information Form**

Name: _____

University: _____

Year in Program: _____

Degree Sought: ____ M.A./Ed.S. ____ Ph.D.

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Program Director/Coordinator: _____
(please print)

(Program Director Signature)

(Date)