

Call for Proposals for 2007 SIOP Small Grant Program

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The purpose of the SIOP Small Grant Program is to:

- Provide tangible support from SIOP to its members for research-related activities
- Help guide research activities in areas of interest to both practitioners and academicians within SIOP
- Foster cooperation between academicians and practitioners by supporting research that has the potential to advance both knowledge and practice in applied areas of interest to all members of SIOP.

For 2007, the SIOP Foundation has agreed to award \$10,000 to this program in order to fund research grants. A subcommittee (of the Awards Committee) will review and administer the Small Grant Program. Given the specific objective of fostering cooperation between academicians and practitioners, this subcommittee consists of both academicians and practitioners.

General Procedures and Policies

The overarching goal of the Small Grant Program is to provide funding for research investigating topics of interest to both academicians and practitioners. Thus, considerable weight will be given to whether the proposal consists of a cooperative effort between academics and practitioners. In addition, the principal investigator of the project must be a SIOP Member or Student Affiliate. Proposals submitted with a Student Affiliate as the principal investigator should include a letter of endorsement from a SIOP Member, preferably the student's academic advisor. In order to ensure that there is a clear commitment of the organizational partner to the research, a letter recognizing this support is required.

In order to encourage wide participation and a large variety of individuals and institutions involved in the program, an individual can only be involved in one proposal per review cycle. In addition, individuals who received a grant within the last 2 years are ineligible.

Guidelines for Proposal Budgets

It is the explicit policy of the SIOP Small Grant Program that grant funds may not be used for overhead or indirect costs. In the committees' experience, most universities will waive overhead and indirect costs under two circumstances: (a) the grant is relatively modest in size, and/or (b) the awarding institution (i.e., SIOP) does not allow it. If the above statement disallowing funds to be used for overhead is insufficient, the chair of the Small Grants Subcommittee will provide additional documentation and evidence explicitly recognizing this policy.

The SIOP Small Grant award can be used in conjunction with other funding for a larger scale project. If this is the case, the proposal should describe the scope of the entire project, the entire budget, and the portion of the budget for which SIOP award money will be spent.

Size of the Grants

Currently \$10,000 is available. Although there is no minimum amount per grant proposal, the maximum award for any one grant is \$5,000.

Criteria for Selecting Award Winners

Each grant proposal will be reviewed by both academic and practitioner members of the subcommittee. The following criteria will be used to evaluate each proposal:

- **Significance:** Does the proposal address an important problem relevant to both the academic and practitioner membership of SIOP? Will the proposal advance knowledge and practice in a given area?
- **Appropriateness of budget:** Is there clear justification and rationale for the expenditure of the award monies? Can the proposed work be accomplished with the funds requested or is there evidence that additional expenses will be covered by other sources of funding?
- **Research approach:** An assessment of the overall quality of the conceptual framework, design, methods, and planned analyses.
- **Innovation:** Does the proposed research employ novel concepts, approaches or methods? Does the proposal research have original and innovative aims?
- **Aimed at a wide audience:** The proposal should be clear, understandable, and communicable to a wide audience and have implications for all members of SIOP (academics and practitioners).
- **Realistic timeframe:** Likelihood that the project can be completed within 1 year of award date.
- **Academic–practitioner partnership:** Does the grant involve a partnership between an academic and a practitioner?

Deliverables

All grant award recipients will be required to deliver a final report to the SIOP Small Grant Subcommittee and the SIOP Foundation Committee within 1 year of the date of the award. Awardees should be aware that a synopsis of their research will be placed on the SIOP Web site. This synopsis will be of such a nature so as not to preclude subsequent publication of the research. It is strongly encouraged that the results of the research be submitted for presentation at the annual SIOP conference.

Topic Areas of Interest

For this administration of the Small Grant Program, the subcommittee has decided to leave the topic areas open. Thus, any and all topics are welcome as long as they are consistent with the objectives listed above.

Format of the Proposal

The proposal should adhere to accepted formatting guidelines (e.g., APA guidelines) and should include the following sections:

- Abstract
- Literature review and rationale for the project
- Method—including information about the sample, measures, data collection strategies, and, analytical strategies
- Implications for both academicians and practitioners
- Budget and justification for expenditures of the award

The proposals should not exceed **10 pages** of text (not including references, tables, appendices). The proposal should be double-spaced and use a 12-point font and 1 inch margins. The proposal must be a single document, either a Word document or a .pdf file, named to indicate the first author, as follows: lastname.doc or lastname.pdf.

All awarded authors will need to certify, by signature or other means, that the research will be carried out in compliance with ethical standards with regard to the treatment of human subjects (e.g., institutional review board or signed statement that the research adhered to the accepted professional standards regarding the treatment of human subjects).

Submission Deadlines and Procedure

Proposals should be submitted in electronic form no later than **February 2, 2007** at www.siop.org/awardsonline/main.aspx.

Questions

Please direct all questions regarding the Small Grants Program to Awards Committee Chair Joyce E. Bono, jbono@umn.edu.