



## **APPLICATION: PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH GRANT**

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**TITLE OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL:**

**APPLICANT'S NAME:**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

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E-mail:

**DATES OF PROPOSED PROJECT:**

Start:

End:

**COSTS REQUESTED:**

**LOCATION(S) OF PROPOSED RESEARCH:**

**GRADUATE ADVISOR/SUPERVISOR:**

Name:

University Affiliation:

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Advisor/Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

- I concur that I am aware that if ATSA funds this proposal, the award must be processed through the official funding office at my university.

*Some universities require that an office of sponsored research approve a grant proposal before it is submitted*

**KEY PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE SUPERVISION/COORDINATION OF THE PROJECT (E.G., SUPERVISORY TEAM; PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED WITH ACCESS TO THE POPULATION UNDER STUDY)**

NAME	POSITION/TITLE	ORGANIZATION

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES:** Please provide a brief biographical sketch (i.e., 100-200 words) for each of the key persons involved in the supervision/coordination of the project. This section must include, at minimum, a biographical sketch of the student's graduate advisor/supervisor.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT:** Please include a letter from the primary advisor/supervisor of the research project, in which they indicate their role in the application process and their intended oversight responsibility during the execution of the proposed research project.

**ABSTRACT OF RESEARCH PLAN:** Please state your research objectives, making reference to the sexual abuse relatedness of the project. Concisely describe the research design and methodology for achieving these goals. This abstract is intended to serve as a succinct and accurate description of the proposed work when separated from the application. The Abstract portion of the application should not exceed 200 words.

**NARRATIVE:** The Narrative constitutes the core of your proposal and is the major focus for the reviewers in making their judgments about the quality, relevance, and feasibility of

your proposal. The total possible score equals 100 points. Each of the narrative sections are described next, including Specific Aims, Background and Significance of Project, Relevant Experience, Experimental Methods and Design, Human Subjects, Budget Narrative, and Literature Cited. As a guide for the importance of each section in the reviewing process, the number of points allocated to each section is indicated in parentheses beside each section heading. The Narrative portion of the application should not exceed 2,500 words. The Narrative section should include:

- 1) SPECIFIC AIMS (10 points):** Describe the concrete, specific aims of the proposed research project. What objectives will be achieved at the completion of the intended research. The Specific Aims portion of the application should be no more than 1 page and is worth a maximum of 10 points.
- 2) BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROJECT (25 points):** Discuss the relevance and importance of the research in the context of prior research. Be specific about the hypotheses to be tested. Discuss the expected outcome and potential significance of the findings for understanding, assessing, preventing, and/or treating sexually coercive/aggressive behavior. The Background and Significance portion of the application should be no more than 4 pages and is worth a maximum of 25 points.
- 3) RELEVANT EXPERIENCE (10 points):** Provide a detailed description of the relevant experience of the advisors/supervisors who will be guiding and supervising the proposed research. Also, indicate any relevant research experience that you may have had that indicates your qualifications for successfully completing the project. The Relevant Experience section should be no more than 1 page and is worth a maximum of 10 points.
- 4) EXPERIMENTAL METHODS AND DESIGN (40 points):** Provide a complete explanation of how the research will be conducted. Include a detailed description of the proposed methods, procedures, research design, any measures that will be employed, and how the data will be analyzed. Additionally, discuss timelines for completion of the project. As is obvious from the points allocated to this section, this constitutes the heart of your proposal, and should be the central focus of your proposal. The Experimental Methods and Design section has no page maximum, but as noted above, the Narrative section as a whole should not exceed 2,500 words. The Experimental Methods and Design section is worth a maximum of 40 points.
- 5) HUMAN SUBJECTS (5 points):** Please describe the population who will be sampled in the research. Explain how participants will be selected, how data will be obtained from them, how their confidentiality will be protected, and your intended method of obtaining informed consent. Indicate the specific risks and benefits that subjects can expect from your study. Indicate what Institutional Review Board, or other appropriate ethical review committee, has or will review the study and approve its ethics and protection of participants. This section is worth a maximum of 5 points.

- 6) BUDGET (10 points):** Please provide a description of your budgetary needs. Make sure to itemize *all* direct costs (i.e., actual cost objects, such as labor, services, and equipment) for the requested time period of the proposed project. Be precise with respect to personnel (i.e., the role of the individual on the project, the amount of time the person will devote, salary, and fringe benefits, if any are to be provided). If travel expenses, supplies, or equipment are requested they must be justified. Please review the proposed budget with your advisor(s)/supervisor(s) to confirm the accuracy of the estimated costs. This section is worth a maximum of 10 points.
- 7) LITERATURE CITED:** Using correct APA Style, provide the references for all literature cited in the application. The reference section is excluded from the 2,500 word limit.