
WSU Graduate and Professional Student Grant Support Program for Research on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Spring 2024

(Please see separate announcements for faculty and post-doctoral fellows)

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Program is to foster research at Washington State University that will provide significant and innovative contributions to behavioral, psychosocial, biomedical or clinical research on alcohol and drug abuse. Applications for funding research dealing with alcohol or any substance that is recognized by the NIH as an abused substance are welcome. Projects should be directly applicable to addiction (including behavioral or food addiction), harm reduction, prevention, or drug or alcohol effects. If researchers have any question about the suitability of a potential grant application, they should contact the ADARP office at least one week before the grant deadline.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Program funds will be used to provide research support for behavioral, psychosocial, biomedical or clinical investigators to develop their research capabilities and to demonstrate the merit of their research ideas, productivity, and creativity. A description of the program and a list of researchers can be found on our website: <https://adarp.wsu.edu/>.

ELIGIBILITY & TERMS OF SUPPORT

Support is for one semester or one summer at your standard departmental stipend level plus a \$3,000 supply budget. Equipment cannot be budgeted via this mechanism. Tuition waivers may be awarded with graduate student semester projects but are unavailable in the summer.

IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

Awards to each research group (faculty member and direct advisees) will be capped at a total of \$35,000 per grant cycle with the following exception: Post-doc salary and benefits count toward the \$35,000 cap. If the post-doc is eligible for an NRSA or K99 award, supply and equipment costs will not count toward the \$35,000 cap, otherwise they will.

APPLICATION

This call for grants is designed to promote graduate and professional student research projects on WSU campuses that have potential to generate extramural funding. Also, funds may be used by individuals who have submitted extramural proposals that were favorably reviewed but not funded. *These individuals should include a copy of the grant that was submitted, the critique, and the priority score received.* Typically, ADARP funds are used for pilot research that provides the foundation for an extramural proposal.

All applications will need to be approved by ORSO no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. The review process will be completed by May, and awards will be effective on or after June 1, 2024, pending approval of human or animal subject protocol by the WSU Institutional Review Board (IRB) or the WSU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). Researchers wishing to expedite the IRB or IACUC process may submit the appropriate forms at the same time they submit grant applications.

REVIEW PROCESS

The proposal will be reviewed by a committee of WSU faculty knowledgeable in the area of the proposal. External *ad hoc* reviewers may be solicited. Most committee members will have had a national competitive award.

Grant proposals should be carefully developed and written to encourage positive consideration of research ideas. Grant applications that do not comply with the page limit will be returned.

APPLICATION FORMAT

- I. E-REX Form with **ADARP** in the **Subagency** field – (Submitted to the PI’s home department with the complete application at least 48 hours before the ORSO approval deadline. Please note, some departments require additional processing time! Consult your grant administrator in advance.)
 - II. Face Page (name, position, department, submission date, proposal title, and abstract)
 - III. Response to previous critique (for resubmitted applications only - maximum of 1 page)
 - IV. Specific Aims (maximum 1 page)
 - V. Significance
 - VI. Innovation
 - VII. Approach
 - VIII. References
 - IX. Detailed budget with brief justification (state dates, amount of standard departmental stipend and benefits for one semester or summer, note if tuition waiver is requested, include details of supply budget up to \$3,000)
 - X. Biosketch (five-page NIH format including other support and overlap with this proposal, biosketches for each co-investigator/mentor - should be included)
 - XI. Plans for obtaining extramural funding and/or benefit to WSU or to the State of Washington
 - XII. List of all grant applications submitted in the past three years related to substance abuse research, if any
 - XIII. Letter of support from primary mentor
 - XIV. List of graduate committee members
 - XV. Names of 5-6 possible reviewers, preferably from WSU (any campus)
- Maximum 6 pages
for sections V-VII
- **The grant must be written by the student with input from the mentor.**
 - **Grants are submitted via e-REX by home department.**
 - **All sections MUST be received on time if the grant is to be reviewed.**

REVIEW CRITERIA

The proposals will be reviewed by the committee according to the following criteria (adopted from the NIH):

1. **Significance.** Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field? If the aims of the project are achieved, how will scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice be improved?
2. **Innovation.** Does the application challenge and seek to shift current research or clinical practice paradigms by using novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions?
3. **Investigators.** Are the PIs, collaborators, and other researchers well suited to the project? Do they have appropriate experience and training? If the project is collaborative, do the investigators have complementary and integrated expertise?
4. **Approach.** Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented? If the project is in the early stages of development, will the strategy establish feasibility, and will particularly risky aspects be managed?
5. **Extramural Funding Potential/Benefit to the State of Washington.** Is this project likely to generate extramural support and/or benefit the State of Washington?
6. **Budget.** Is the budget appropriate?

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