

## **Earnest Swarm Notre Dame Psychopathology Research Fund**

### Swarm Graduate Research Award Program

University of Notre Dame, Department of Psychology

The Ernest Swarm Notre Dame Psychopathology Research Fund was established in 2009 to support efforts to understand the causes of serious psychopathology and to develop and disseminate theoretically based and empirically supported treatments. The scope of the Fund is broad, encompassing all forms of severe psychopathology including, but not limited to, schizophrenia, major mood disorders, personality disorder, attention deficit disorder, eating disorder, autism, and stress-related psychological and physical conditions across the lifespan.

In keeping with the educational mission of the University of Notre Dame, funds are expended primarily in support of the Department of Psychology's goal of training the next generation of research scientists. Research offers the greatest promise for achieving widespread alleviation of the suffering caused by mental illness -- the suffering of those afflicted with mental illness, and also of their families, friends, and society. Funds will be used to encourage and enable the strongest, most capable students to pursue scientific careers.

The Fund's annual budget supports three main programs: (1) An annual speaker series that brings a top clinical scientist to campus to present a public colloquium and to participate in a seminar devoted to research in the speaker's area of research. Seminar attendees (including interested graduate students and faculty) spend the preceding seminar periods preparing for this visit through focused reading and discussion of the speaker's area of research. (2) Direct support of student research, through seed funding of specific studies or specialized training of student researchers. (3) Student travel to psychopathology research conferences at which students present their research. The endowment account is open to additional contributions, and as the fund grows, the Department hopes to add support for a Notre Dame psychopathology research conference that will bring top scholars to campus for talks, symposia, and collaboration.

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#### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Swarm Graduate Research Award Program (hereafter, Swarm GRAP), as part of the Earnest Swarm Notre Dame Psychopathology Research Fund, is to encourage research in psychopathology conducted by graduate students in the Department of Psychology. It is intended to promote original research not supported fully by other sources. Applications may be made to foster (1) research projects, (2) specialized training for research, and (3) travel to conferences to present research.

INSTRUCTIONS, General. The following Instructions are relevant to all three types of applications. Additional instructions for each application types are provided below.

1. Applications must have been considered previously for funding through either:

(a) [Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts \(ISLA\)](#); specific links for research and training/travel also provided below)

(b) [Notre Dame's Graduate School Professional Development Grants](#) (link also provided below) for training and/or travel support.

Specific links:

ISLA Graduate Student Research Awards (for direct research support): <http://isla.nd.edu/for-graduate-students/internal-funding/graduate-student-research-awards-gsra/>

ISLA Graduate Student Professional Development Awards (for training and/or travel support): <http://isla.nd.edu/for-graduate-students/internal-funding/graduate-student-professional-development-awards-gspda/>

Graduate School Professional Development Grants (for training and/or travel support): <http://graduateschool.nd.edu/forms/professional-development-award-application/>

2. Applications must follow the ISLA or Graduate School application format. A copy of the ISLA or Graduate School application is acceptable, provided it contains all the required information. NOTE: This pertains to what is asked of the applicant only: Coversheet, project description, and budget. See below for material required from the advisor or other faculty.
3. Actual budgets should be submitted, including information about other received and pending funding. The amount awarded per project is limited to \$1,500.
4. Papers and presentations based on projects funded by this award should acknowledge support from the "Earnest Swarm Notre Dame Psychopathology Research Fund."
5. Students in good standing in any Notre Dame Department of Psychology doctoral program are eligible to apply providing that the research project or training has relevance to severe psychopathology, which should be made clear in the application.
6. Submit completed applications to the Swarm GRAP Chair, Professor Lee Anna Clark. The Swarm GRAP Committee will review all applications. In the event of a conflict of interest (e.g., the applicant is an advisee of a Swarm GRAP Committee member), the Director of Graduate Studies will serve an *ad hoc* member.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS for applications for direct research support.

1. Proposals to support master's thesis and doctoral dissertation projects must have prior approval of students' examining committees. Other projects must have the approval of students' research advisors. Documentation of the committee's or advisor's approval must be included in the application. Copies of the appropriate, signed Department of Psychology

form from the 'Forms Packet' will suffice.

<http://psychology.nd.edu/graduate-studies/requirements/documents/FormsNew.2011pdf.pdf>

2. When more than one student from a department applies for ISLA funding, the DGS ranks the applications. The DGS will provide this ranking to the Swarm GRAP Committee.
3. Although it is not a condition of applying, funds will not be awarded until appropriate Institutional Review Board approval of the project is secured.
4. Funds are intended as seed funding of specific studies, so applications for completed projects will not be considered.
5. There are two application deadlines per year, each 1 week after ISLA has made its decisions regarding funding following its fall and spring application periods. The 1-week period is to provide students time to revise their budget request if ISLA provides funding, and to save students the work of applying at all if ISLA fully funds the project.

#### ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS for applications for support for specialized training.

1. Documentation that the student has been accepted for the proposed workshop, seminar, or other training opportunity must be submitted with the application, if applicable.
2. Applications will be considered as they are submitted (i.e., these applications are not subject to the ISLA-based deadlines).

#### ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS for travel to present research at a conference.

1. Documentation that the conference proposal has been accepted for presentation must be submitted with the application.
2. The Department of Psychology funds \$400 per year per graduate student for travel. Students are expected to use these funds before applying to the Swarm GRAP for travel support and to submit, with their application, documentation that they have done so, or that these funds are no longer available for the current funding year.
3. The Graduate Student Union provides \$250 per year to fund travel to conferences, up to a maximum of \$1500 through a graduate student's career, called a [Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant](#) (URL also is provided below). If eligible, students are expected to apply for this funding after attending a conference, so the submitted budget should include this allotment. If students are ineligible to receive these funds (e.g., the student is applying for funds to attend a second conference and already has received \$250 for the year), documentation of ineligibility must be provided with the application. URL for application to a Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant: <http://gsu.nd.edu/about/cpg/>
4. Applications will be considered as they are submitted (i.e., these applications are not subject to the ISLA-based deadlines).