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 Department of Psychology, Clinical-Science area, 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, as well as that 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) Student research, through seed funding of specific studies or of specialized training for student researchers. (2) Student travel to psychopathology research conferences at which students present their research. (3) A speaker series that brings top clinical scientists to campus to present a public colloquium and, optionally, to participate in a seminar devoted to the speaker's area of research. Seminar attendees—interested students and faculty—are encouraged to spend the preceding seminar periods preparing for this visit through focused reading and discussion of the speaker's area of research. The endowment account is open to supporting additional clinical-science activities 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. _NOTE_: Funding for travel to and attendance at clinical-training workshops may be provided ONLY if the training is to support students' research (e.g., training in an assessment or intervention method that students plan to use in their research). Students must describe the relevance of the clinical training to their research in their application.

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

1. Applications must have been considered previously for funding through (for example):

   (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.

   (c) External application.

2. Applications must follow the ISLA, Graduate School, or external application format. *Submitting a copy of a previous application is acceptable* (i.e., a separate application does not need to be written)*, 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. A copy of the response to the prior funding application must be included showing that the application was either not funded or underfunded. If the application is pending, then the requested/ needed amount of funding must be more than the maximum allotted by that funding mechanics (i.e., if the pending funding would fully cover the student's research, then the Swarm GRAP application must be submitted after receiving the response).

4. Actual budgets should be submitted, including information about other received and pending funding. The amount awarded per project is limited to $2,500.

5. Papers and presentations based on projects funded by this award should acknowledge support from the "Earnest Swarm Notre Dame Psychopathology Research Fund."

6. 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.

7. 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 or another faculty member will serve as an *ad hoc* member. In any case, however, all applications are submitted initially to the Swarm GRAP Chair.

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 '[Graduate Student Forms Packet](#)' will suffice (i.e., the advisor does not need to submit a letter of recommendation).

2. Although it is not a condition of applying, funds will not be awarded until appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval of the project is secured. A copy of the letter from the IRB must be submitted as documentation with the proposal (if possible) or when approval has been received if not yet approved at the time of application.

3. Funds are intended to support future or ongoing studies or training opportunities, so applications for completed projects, workshops, and so on will not be considered.

4. There are no application deadlines. Applications are considered on a rolling basis whenever they are submitted.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS for applications to support specialized research-relevant 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. These applications do not need to have been considered for funding previously.

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 provides some funding to graduate students 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. 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 already has received $250 for the year or reached the maximum of $1500), documentation of ineligibility must be provided with the application.