The Society for Personality Assessment (SPA) will be making grants to support dissertation research in the area of personality assessment. These awards will generally be in an amount up to $800.00. Individual studies will be funded depending on their merit, the budget, and the overall number of applicants received. The student's dissertation proposal must have been approved by her/his committee before applying for the grant. The student must be a Student Affiliate of SPA, or have applied online for membership at the time of the Dissertation Grant application. The proposal must be sponsored by a member of SPA. It is expected that the student will present the results of the dissertation at a forthcoming Annual Convention of SPA. Applicants may also expect to receive committee review feedback on their proposal.

Three (3) copies (if mailed) of the following materials should be submitted:

- A cover sheet which is attached to this announcement;

- A maximum of ten (10) double-spaced pages summarizing the proposed project. The proposal should include (a) purpose of the project, (b) a brief literature review specific to the study’s focus, (c) hypotheses, (d) methods, procedures, research design, and planned statistical analyses (these are key sections: be specific), and (e) a brief description of the study’s contribution to personality assessment.

- A one (1) page itemized budget (use Budget Page) with explicit documentation of how the grant would enhance or facilitate the proposed project

- A projected timeline for the proposed project that includes when the results would be presented at an Annual Convention.

- 1-2 page curriculum vitae

- Letter of support from dissertation chair

Grants will be made: by December 15 (each year)

Applications can be mailed to:
Society for Personality Assessment
6109 H Arlington Blvd.
Falls Church, VA  22044
703-534-4772

Applications can be scanned and emailed to:
Manager@spaonline.org
Dissertation Grant Application Form

Application Deadline: November 15 (each year)

Name: ______________________________ Date: __________________________

Address: ______________________________ Tel: __________________________

______________________________ E-mail: __________________________

University/School: _______________________________________________________

Graduation Date: _______________________________________________________

Amount of Funds Requested: $_______________

I, ______________________________ attest that the expenses for which funds are requested
(student’s name) are not covered by other funding.

Signature: __________________________

______________________________ dissertation has been approved by the Committee and
(student’s name) supports the application for the Award.

Chair of Dissertation Committee

Name: ______________________________

Signature: __________________________

I support __________________________ application for the Award.

(student’s name)

SPA Sponsor

Name: ______________________________

Signature: __________________________

______________________________ is in good standing in our Program and we
(student’s name) support the application for this Award.

Director of Clinical Training
or Department Chair

Name: ______________________________

Signature: __________________________

(Please type in the person’s name where indicated. The same person may sign the different non-
student sections (SPA Sponsor, Dissertation Chair, DCT or Department Chair) if appropriate).
**Budget Page**

This information is to assist you in preparing your itemized budget. Excluded expenses and examples of applicable expenses are on the next page (p. 4). *Awards cannot be made for expenses for which other funding is available or where the resources are readily available through the student’s institution.* The amount requested for the Dissertation Award may not exceed $500. All items must be clearly related to the activities described in your research proposal. Itemize all applicable expenses to be incurred through your dissertation project, including those supported by other sources (explain below).

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Provide clarification and basis for the budget estimate for each item. For example, if test scoring costs are incurred, indicate (# of participants) x (test scoring costs).

Identify other funding sources available to the student that can be applied to the applicable expenses (i.e., only that funding which has already been approved whether through your department or external grant funding).
EXAMPLES OF APPLICABLE EXPENSES
Compensation of research participants
Small equipment (e.g., tape recorders, cameras)
Recording medium (e.g., DVD, Videotapes)
Testing forms, materials, or required test scoring expenses (e.g., Rorschach protocols, MMPI-2 test scoring, drawing or play materials for children)
Computer software (e.g., test scoring software not available through institution)
Photocopying
Postage
Travel costs to project site (only if other than the student’s training institution, practicum, or internship site); use your university’s travel (e.g., mileage) reimbursement rates

EXCLUDED EXPENSES
Travel to conferences or between student’s residence and their training institution
Computer equipment
Salaries or stipends
Tuition
General living expenses
Dissertation printing and binding costs