REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ANNETTE URSO RICKEL DISSERTATION AWARD FOR PUBLIC POLICY

American Psychological Foundation (APF) Mission and Funding
The APF provides financial support for innovative research and programs that enhance the power of psychology to elevate the human condition and advance human potential both now and in generations to come. It executes this mission through a broad range of scholarships and grants. For all of these, it encourages applications from individuals who represent diversity in race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, and sexual orientation.

The Rickel Award supports dissertation research in public policy. Its description, application requirements, and procedures appear below.

Description
The APF Annette Urso Rickel Foundation Dissertation Award for Public Policy supports dissertation research on public policy, which has the potential to improve services for children and families facing psychosocial issues such as prevention of child abuse, school programs for children with psychological issues, services for youth in the criminal justice system, healthy parenting, and math and science education, and contributing to the adoption of sound policy affecting children, youth and families.

Program Goals
- Encourage talented psychology students to focus on public policy issues
- Encourage work that has the potential to improve children and family services

Funding Specifics
- $1,000 scholarship

Eligibility Requirements
- Graduate student in psychology enrolled full-time in good standing in a regionally accredited institution located in the U.S. or Canada
- Completed doctoral candidacy, including dissertation approval by doctoral committee
- Demonstrated research competence and area commitment
- IRB approval must be received from host institution before funding can be awarded if human participants are involved

Evaluation Criteria
- Conformance with stated program goals
- Magnitude of incremental contribution
- Quality of proposed work
- Applicant’s demonstrated scholarship and research competence

Proposal Requirements
- Dissertation summary to include goal, relevant background, target population, methods, anticipated outcomes
  Format: not to exceed 3 pages (1 inch margins, no smaller than 11 point font)
- Timeline for execution
- Full budget and justification (indirect costs not permitted)
- Current CV
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor

Submission Process and Deadline
Submit a completed application online at http://forms.apa.org/apf/grants/ by November 1, 2011.

Questions about this program should be directed to Kim Palmer Rowsome, Program Officer, at krowsome@apa.org.