



SHAPE AMERICA RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES 2014-15

The SHAPE America Research Grant Program is administered through the Research Council and is designed to fund member projects of value to the HPERD professions.

EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR:

PURPOSE:

The Research Council is calling for ORIGINAL RESEARCH proposals designed to focus on issues that provide evidence based outcomes to promote or document the value, influence, or effect of social justice and diversity in health, physical education, physical activity, dance, and/or sport.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

- Has been a member of SHAPE America and the former Research Council for at least one full year at time of application. A lapse in SHAPE America membership is considered a break in Research Council membership.
- Is 5 years or less past completion of terminal degree, *and* not advanced past Assistant Professor.
- Has demonstrated research capabilities and focus as evidenced by presenting research and publishing papers in professional journals.
- Must be on the faculty or staff of the university/organization where the research is to be performed.

GRADUATE STUDENT:

PURPOSES:

- | ▪ Further the mission of SHAPE America and support and vision of the Research Council
- Support original research in health, physical education, sport, recreation and/or dance.
- Support research by members who are masters or doctoral level students.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

- Must be a member of SHAPE America at time of application.
- Must have an advisor/mentor on the faculty or staff at the institution where the research is to be performed who has been a member of SHAPE America for at least one full year at time of application and is willing to serve as the faculty sponsor. A lapse in SHAPE America membership is considered a break in membership.
- Is a full- or part-time masters or doctoral level degree-seeking student enrolled in the university/college where the research is to be performed.
- Has personally conceived of the original research project (rather than carrying out a faculty advisor's project). Dissertation and thesis research projects are eligible for consideration.

A maximum of \$2,500 per award will be granted for proposals of exceptional quality demonstrating student driven contributions to the fields of HPERD.

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PROGRAM TIMELINE:

- Phase I Pre-Proposals Due: January 5, 2015
- Phase I Notifications: February 16th, 2015
- Invited Phase II Full Proposals Due: April 6th, 2015
- Awards will be announced in May 2015
- The research project, including data collection and analysis, must be completed by August 31, 2016

EVALUATION:

Proposals are reviewed by the Research Council Grant Committee, as well as by recognized external topical research experts selected by the committee chair. Final approval authority for all grants lies with the Research Council Executive Board. Evaluation criteria are listed on the application forms. Applicants receive evaluation scores and a summary of reviewer comments.

GRANTEE REQUIREMENTS:

- All grants are made payable to the principal investigator's university/institution. All such universities/institutions must have an established Institutional Review Board (IRB) and a Grants/Contracts Office or other office accountable for financial tracking and reporting.
- IRB approval and informed consent for human subjects documentation must be submitted to the Research Council for grant awardees prior to release of funds from SHAPE America.

- A progress report will be required in addition to a final written report including budget and a lay summary of findings for SHAPE America’s use in promoting the program and its recipients.
- All unexpended funds must be returned to the Research Council in full within 60 days of the final written report.
- Principal Investigators must assume personal responsibility for the proposal, execution of the research plan, and presentation of the results at an SHAPE America National Convention.
- All written documents including publications and presentation materials, and print and electronic communications that result from successful funding of this application must include the following or a similar statement: "This work was supported by funds received from the SHAPE America Research Grant Program."

LIMITATIONS ON FUNDING:

- Grants may not necessarily be awarded in each of the categories in a given grant cycle. Funding decisions are based on the merit of the proposals received and the funds available for disbursement.
- Partial funding may be awarded.
- Expenses may not predate the award.
- Investigator(s) salary is not allowed.
- Indirect costs are not allowed.
- Personnel costs are not allowed for Graduate Student Grants.
- Funds shall not be expended for equipment normally provided by an institution or not directly related to data collection.
- Travel costs are limited to those required for the collection of data. Funds shall not be expended to present findings as required above.
- Limit on number of proposals:
 - One proposal per primary investigator
 - One graduate student grant proposal per faculty sponsor
- Primary investigators with funded grants are eligible to apply again three years from date that grant was initially submitted, provided all grant requirements have been met.

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SHAPE AMERICA'S MISSION:

SHAPE America's mission is to advance professional practice and promote research related to health and physical education, physical activity, dance and sport.

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