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The APA Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality is pleased to invite you to submit your **Research Award Proposals for 2025**. The deadline for proposals is **March 7 at 5pm ET**. We look forward to hearing your wonderful research ideas and to supporting as many as we can!

Available Awards:

Undergraduate Research Award
Graduate Research Award
Early Career Psychologist Research Award
Mid-career Faculty Research Award
Broadening the Landscape Research Award

Grant award criteria will be based on merit, diversity of topics and represented groups, commitment to writing a Final Report, and financial need. The application form is only available to people with a Google account and has 2 sections for file uploads. If you have issues accessing the form, please email all materials to **cmcadams98@gmail.com**. *Please note that no overhead costs (institutional indirect costs) will be included in the awarded amounts.*

Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality Research Awards 2025

Application Deadline: March 1, 2025

Grant Award Notification: March 31, 2025

Final Report Deadline: One year from award notification

Sponsor: APA, Division 36

We are pleased to announce a call for research grant proposals for students, early career psychologists, and mid-career faculty. Grant award criteria will be based on merit, diversity of topics and represented groups, commitment to writing a Final Report, and financial need. *Please note that no overhead costs (institutional indirect costs) will be included in the awarded amounts.*

Application instructions can be found below and all applications are to be submitted to **this online form** by March 1, 2025: **<https://forms.gle/YeoUcLiqbXxCaMBV6>**

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2025 Research Awards

1. Thomas Coleman III Graduate Student Research Award (x1)

Award of \$2,000 for 1 graduate student conducting research on the psychology of religion and spirituality with demonstrable passion, dedication, and the surmounting of odds (e.g., being the first person in one's family to attend College), akin to the namesake of this award. Thomas Coleman III received his PhD from Coventry University in 2021, where he worked on the psychology of religious nonbelievers. Tommy was prolific by any standards, and prodigiously so for a graduate student with over 30 publications to his name by the time he

graduated. He also strongly believed in serving the research community, which he did as an editor (*Secular Studies; Secularism & Nonreligion*) and peer-reviewer, a graduate student co-representative for APA36 (2015-2017), and a podcaster (*The Religious Studies Project; The Unlikely Academics Podcast*). Tommy loved being a psychologist. He described his life prior to completing his GED as one of an "all-around social degenerate", and considered discovery of the psychological sciences at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga a conversion, if not salvific, experience. Tommy's gratitude for this part of his life manifested in his incomparable enthusiasm and diligence and kindness. He died suddenly in December 2021. This award is dedicated to his memory.

1. Graduate Student Research Awards (x2)

Award of \$2,000 for two (2) graduate students (\$2,000 each) conducting research on the psychology of religion and spirituality.

1. Undergraduate Student Research Award (x1)

Award of \$1,000 for undergraduate research on the psychology of religion and spirituality.

1. Broadening the Landscape Research Award -- open to students or faculty (x1)

Award of \$3,000 for research centered on promoting the psychology of religion and spirituality related to underrepresented and marginalized groups.

1. Early Career Psychologist Research Award (x1)

Award of \$5,000 to support and stimulate Early Career Faculty and postdocs (i.e., less than 10 years post terminal degree, e.g., PhD) to conduct research on the psychology of religion and spirituality.

1. Mid-Career Faculty Research Award (x1)

Award of \$5,000 to support and stimulate Mid-Career Faculty (i.e., 10 or more years as a faculty member) to conduct research on the psychology of religion and spirituality.

How to Apply as a Student

Eligibility

Students who are currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate program may apply for an award to support a current or future project; this could take the form of master's thesis or doctoral dissertation research, or an undergraduate independent study or honors thesis. Applications from underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged. All applicants must be members of Division 36.

It is hoped that recipients of awards will present their work in Division 36 programming at a future conference, such as at the annual APA conference or the Division 36 Midyear Conference. Funds will not include conference travel costs. There will, however, be a couple of travel stipends available to select student awardees.

To apply, students should **submit this online form** by March 1, 2025. The form will ask for the following information:

- Name, Institutional Affiliation, Supervisor's Name, Contact Information, including a mailing address, email address, and phone number.
- The project's title.

- A proposal – maximum of 2 pages single spaced -- describing the research project, including a brief literature review that makes clear the research questions being addressed and/or hypotheses being tested, a methods section describing the specific population and procedures used in the research, a results section describing the proposed analytic approach, and a discussion section summarizing the scientific importance of the research. Also, describe how the funds will be used.
- Please indicate any prior awards you have received from Division 36, as well as any other APA divisions. Any other division awards applied for should also be indicated.
- A brief Bio (500 words max.) that describes your research interests in the psychology of religion and spirituality.
- Awardees will be required to submit a final report on the project within 1 year from Award Notification. Project findings should ideally be distributed on some community platform, including the Division 36 listserv, as well as submission to the division newsletter or relevant journal.
- A letter of support from your supervisor.

How to Apply as a Faculty Member

Eligibility

All faculty are eligible to apply. Note Early Career (< 10 years status) and Mid Career (>10 years status) qualifications above. Applications from Early Career Psychologists and underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged. All applicants must be members of Division 36.

To apply, faculty should **submit this online form** by March 1, 2025. The form will ask for the following information:

- Name, Institutional Affiliation, Contact Information, including a mailing address, email address, and phone number.
- The project's title.
- A proposal – maximum of 2 pages single spaced -- describing the research project, including a brief literature review that makes clear the research questions being addressed and/or hypotheses being tested, a methods section describing the specific population and procedures used in the research, a results section describing the proposed analytic approach, and a discussion section summarizing the scientific importance of the research. Also, describe how the funds will be used.
- Please indicate any prior awards you have received from Division 36, as well as any other APA divisions. Any other division awards applied for should also be indicated.
- A current CV.
- A brief Bio on who you are and your research interests in the psychology of religion and spirituality.

- Awardees will be required to submit a final report on the project within 1 year from Award Notification. Project findings should ideally be distributed on some community platform, including the Division 36 listserv, as well as submission to the division newsletter or relevant journal.

Questions and inquiries can be sent to Charlotte McAdams at **cmcadams98@gmail.com**

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee and award announcements will be made by March 31, 2025. Applicants will be notified by email.