

# Verbal Behavior SIG Student Research Grant Call for Proposals 2009 DEADLINE: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## Program Objective

This program provides monetary support for empirical research in verbal behavior conducted by students. Eligible proposals are typically relevant to at least one of the following topics: primary and secondary verbal operants, multiple/joint control, private events, rule-governed behavior, language acquisition, language assessment and training, second languages, pedagogy, the verbal behavior of nonhumans, verbal behavior research methodology, etc.

## Types of Award

A maximum of \$500.00 can be requested to cover research-related expenses (e.g., supplies). One proposal will be fully funded; additional proposals may or may not be funded partially.

## Review Committee Criteria

The proposal will be evaluated using the criteria given below and the following weighted factors: **Project plan (70%)**, **Potential to complete the project (15%)**, and **Reasonableness of requested resources (15%)**. A panel of reviewers will individually score the proposal on all criteria. The grant coordinator will use the reviewers' scores to rank all submitted proposals from highest to lowest priority, and use those rankings to make a final recommendation to the VB SIG.

## Proposal Format

### 1. Cover Page

Include title, affiliation, authors' and advisors' mailing address, phone numbers and email.

### 2. Project Plan (1-3 double-spaced pages)

- **Specific Aims/Purpose** – Include a clear statement of the work to be undertaken. List your project objectives and describe concisely and realistically what the specific work described in this proposal is intended to accomplish.
- **Project Design and Methods** – Outline the general plan of work, including the broad design of activities to be undertaken to accomplish the specific aims of the project and a description of the methods. All researchers are expected to have their research reviewed by the appropriate IRB committee for their institution or geographical location.

### 3. Timeline

Briefly describe your timeline for the completion of the project.

### 4. Budget

Briefly describe the resources that are needed to complete the project, and include the total amount you are requesting to meet those needs.

### 5. Letter of support

Submit a brief letter of support from your advisor or research supervisor. The supervisor can email the letter directly to the grant coordinator (see below). The letter should confirm that you are a full-time student, and that you are the principal investigator on the project for which you request funding. Your proposal will not be reviewed in the absence of a statement of support.

## Final Report

The applicant agrees to submit some form of evidence of project completion to the grant coordinator by **April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010**. This may be submitted in the form of a brief report and/or copies of conference presentations or publications. This accountability requirement ensures that the awardee has accomplished what was promised in the original proposal. As a professional courtesy, any publications or presentations resulting from funded projects should include a statement acknowledging the support provided by the Verbal Behavior SIG Student Research Grant.

Submit proposals electronically in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) by May 8th 2009 to:

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