

Review Criteria for the DIV38/SfHP Postdoctoral Health Psychology Award for Clinical Excellence

Required Application Materials:

- ✓ Completed all required Google Forms sections on application
- ✓ Submitted (uploaded or e-mailed) all required application materials
 - CV
 - Document evidence of EPPP
 - Cover letter
 - Essay

Eligibility:

- ✓ Applicant is a current member of the Society for Health Psychology
- ✓ Applicant is currently enrolled in a postdoctoral appointment or has proof of upcoming enrollment into a postdoctoral training program at the time of application submission
- ✓ Applicant has provided proof of registration or completion of the EPPP exam

Health Psychology Experience:

- Best score: CV demonstrates significant commitment to providing clinical health psychology service AND indication that applicant will continue to specialize in health psychology
- Middle score: CV demonstrates significant commitment to providing clinical health psychology service OR indication that applicant will continue to specialize in health psychology, but not both
- Low score: CV lacks evidence of a significant commitment to providing clinical health psychology service AND lacks indication that applicant will continue to specialize in health psychology

Cover Letter:

- Lists postdoctoral residency program name and dates of enrollment
- Lists date EPPP was completed OR registered test date
- Includes sound plan to continue providing clinical health psychology services after obtaining licensure (e.g. ideal career plans, job position, etc.)
- Includes a statement verifying that applicant understands that parts of submitted material may be posted to SfHP website and providing consent for this to occur.
- Includes sound discussion of how becoming a board-certified clinical health psychologist will advance applicant's career

Essay:

- ✓ Essay is no more than one page single-spaced
- ✓ Essay clearly states and explains at least 1 of the 8 competencies
- ✓ Essay contains evidence of health psychology competency
 - Essay clearly demonstrates how applicant has applied specific competency into their past clinical health-psychology practice
 - Essay somewhat demonstrates how applicant has applied specific competency into their past clinical health-psychology practice
 - Essay poorly demonstrates how applicant has applied specific competency into their past clinical health-psychology practice
- ✓ Essay explains future application of competency
 - Essay clearly explains how this competency will continue to be incorporated into their future clinical health psychology career
 - Essay somewhat explains how this competency will continue to be incorporated into their future clinical health psychology career
 - Essay poorly explains how this competency will continue to be incorporated into their future clinical health psychology career

Review Criteria for the DIV38/SfHP Postdoctoral Health Psychology - Research Award

Required Application Materials:

- ✓ Completed all required Google Forms sections on application
- ✓ Uploaded or e-mailed all required application materials
 - Cover Letter
 - CV or Biosketch (just one required)
 - Research proposal

Eligibility:

- ✓ Applicant is a current member of the Society for Health Psychology
- ✓ Applicant has a confirmed postdoctoral appointment or has proof of upcoming enrollment into a postdoctoral training program at the time of application submission
- ✓ Applicant proposes a deliverable

Cover Letter:

- Clearly explains how research proposal and the resources utilized through the pilot funds will facilitate progress towards applicant's post-doctoral and career goals
- Proposed deliverable is realistically achievable within two years of receiving the award
- Clearly explains what type of health psychology research is being proposed and how the proposed project aligns with health psychology research

Health Psychology Experience (CV or Biosketch):

- Best score: Demonstrates experience and multiple publications related to proposed health psychology research topic AND indication that applicant or mentor has conducted similar research before
- Middle score: (a) Demonstrates experience and multiple publications related to proposed health psychology research topic OR (b) indication that applicant or mentor has conducted similar research, but not both
- Low score: (a) Lacks proof of experience or multiple publications related to proposed health psychology research topic AND lacks indication that applicant or mentor has conducted similar research before

Research Proposal Formatting:

- 12-point font and 1" margins throughout
- Proposal does not exceed 4 single-spaced pages (excluding references but including tables and figures)
- Reference list is included in application and in-text citations match with those listed
- Application includes separate content for each required section without exceeding maximum length: Specific Aims (recommended length 1/2 page), Background and Significance (recommended length 1 page), Methods and Approach (recommended length 2 pages)

Research Proposal Content:

1. Budget Justification:
 - a. Application includes a brief (one paragraph or table) budget and budget justification explaining the costs of the proposed research.
 - b. Only eligible expenses (as listed in application description) are included in Budget Justification. IF Indirect costs are proposed (e.g. standard software that would be supplied by an institution, infrastructure, or facility costs) applicant has included evidence that the institution will not provide internal support for these.
2. Specific Aims
 - a. Research aims AND specific hypotheses are clearly stated
 - b. Research aims OR specific hypotheses are stated, but not both or they are not stated clearly
 - c. Research aims and specific hypotheses are not identifiable
3. Background and Significance
 - a. Application provides brief review of relevant health psychology research area
 - b. Application answers what recent evidence has already shown on topic
 - c. Application clearly describes how proposed research would bridge gap in knowledge
 - d. Significance or importance of research problem is clearly explained
4. Methods and Approach
 - a. Inclusion and exclusion criteria clearly stated
 - b. Proposed sample size is specified and justified (e.g. power analysis, prior research, pilot data, etc.)
 - c. All Measures/ Instrumentation are explained and backed by citations (as needed)
 - d. Study procedures are clearly explained
 - e. Data analytic plan is clearly explained
 - f. Study timeline and/or anticipated limitations are discussed and seem reasonable