Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation

The New York Community Trust

Faculty Fellows

Faculty/Post-Doctoral Research Grant

Application Guidelines

Areas of Funding

Grants of up to \$25,000 are available to help support the research of faculty members or post-doctoral researchers in the United States and Canada. Areas of interest for funding are: studies to develop, refine, evaluate, or disseminate interventions and preventive/intervention to address social, psychological, behavioral or public health problems affecting children, adults, couples, families, and communities with outcomes that have the potential add to the knowledge base for services and program development. Community engaged research is highly valued. Studies must focus on the United States and/or Canada or comparative studies between the United States and/or Canada and other countries.

Who May Apply

Faculty members of accredited colleges or universities in the United States or Canada are eligible to apply. The applicant organization must agree to accept administrative responsibility for the project and submit required financial forms and reports to the Fund.

The principal investigator (PI) must have an earned doctorate in a relevant discipline. The PI must lead the research and be the principal author of the final report.

Community Partners

If there is a community partner for the proposed research, it must be provided by an organization that has the appropriate accreditation, certification, or licensure.

Application Deadlines

The Fund observes two funding cycles annually. **All documents must be uploaded to the application portal by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the day of the deadline for the funding cycle in which review is requested** (April 1 or November 1) at the Fahs-Beck website: https://www.fahsbeckfund.org/.

Review Process

All complete and appropriate applications will be reviewed by the National Advisory Committee comprised of scholars knowledgeable in research design/methodology and in the substantive areas supported by the Fund. Applicants may submit only one proposal per funding cycle.

The committee considers four criteria in evaluating each proposal:

- 1. The compatibility of the proposed work with the areas of funding listed above.
- 2. The significance, impact, and expected benefit of the study. This includes the scope of the problem addressed (how many people are potentially affected?); salience or severity of the problem addressed (is this an issue of major importance in the lives or of those affected?); and the certainty of the payoff (how likely is it that the study will have an impact on those affected by the problems addressed?).
- 3. The conceptual and technical merit of the proposed study. This includes the clarity and soundness of the logic of the study and the appropriateness of the methodology. The Fund welcomes both quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods approaches, as long as the approach taken is appropriate to the goals of the study. The Fund particularly encourages experimental designs, where appropriate.
- 4. The likelihood of successful and timely completion of the proposed work. This is based on an assessment of the applicant's education, experience, achievements, and ability, and on the feasibility of the proposed study.

Applications are reviewed by the Fahs-Beck Fund's National Advisory Committee. Final funding decisions are made by The New York Community Trust. Sponsoring institutions and candidates will be notified of this final decision approximately 3 months after the application deadline. If a grant is awarded, the check will be made payable to the applicant organization and sent to the attention and address of the Administrative Manager of the project unless otherwise advised. It is not possible for the Fund to provide feedback on applications that are declined; nor may applications, once declined, be resubmitted to the Fund for further consideration.

Allowable Expenses

Grant funds are to be used for expenses of the project (e.g., data collection, data entry, data analysis) that are not already covered by the sponsoring organization or other sources of funding. Salary for research assistants, consultants, interviewers and transcribers are allowable.

Up to 10% (indirect cost) of the funds requested may be charged by the sponsoring institution to administer the grant. (It is requested that the institution waive this charge, if possible). If charged, this amount must be included in the budget, which may not exceed a total of \$25,000.

Funds not expended within 2 years from receipt of the grant must be returned to the Fund. A one-year no cost extension may be requested, if additional time is required to complete the project.

Expenses **NOT** allowed

Salary for the PI and administrative manager.

Salary for community partner agency administrator.

Fringe benefits, purchase of major equipment or furniture, travel and conference attendance.

Expense occurred prior to receiving the award.

Duration of Projects and Reporting Requirements

Projects may run a maximum of 2 years. At the end of the first year, a brief report on the progress of the study and the expenditure of grant funds must be submitted to the Fund. Upon completion of the project, a final report or publications resulting from the study and an accounting of the grant funds must be submitted.

All publications generated from the project are required to acknowledge the Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation.

<u>Application Requirements</u>

- 1. Application form with original signatures
- 2. Project description (no longer than 12 pages (including references, typed in 11-point Times Roman, double spaced) (APA format) and Project Description Cover Sheet including the following:
- a. Background and Purpose of the Study
- b. Brief review of literature
- c. Methodology
 - a. Briefly describe the study design and methodology.
 - b. Unit(s) of analysis in the study.
 - c. Sampling plan, and the nature of the data (quantitative/qualitative/both).
 - d. Conceptual framework model of the study.
 - e. Hypotheses/study questions guiding the study.
 - f. Sources of data employed in the study and methods of data collection

- g. Description of intervention and setting (if applicable).
- h. Measures to be used.
- d. Significance, expected benefits.
- e. Anticipated contribution of the study to Fahs-Beck priorities.
- 3. Copies of measures.
- 4. Evidence of official and final IRB approval (*proposals with provisional approval will not be reviewed*).
- 5. Letters of agreement from partnering organizations (if any).
- 6. Curriculum vitae of the Principal Investigator and other relevant personnel on the project.
- 7. Timeline of the tasks and subtasks to complete the study (indication of the responsible parties, and time line for accomplishment).
- 8. Project budget and a budget narrative with justification.
- 9. Letter from sponsoring organization indicating whether or not administrative charges (maximum 10%) will be assessed for administering the grant.
- 10. Letter from sponsoring organization affirming tax-exempt status, relevant accreditation or certification

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Communications should be sent via email to the Chair, National Advisory Committee, James Herbert Williams, PhD., at james.herbert1@asu.edu.