

# AAPL Institute for Education and Research - Request for Proposals

## What is the AAPL Institute for Education and Research (AIER)?

AIER was developed as a 501 (c) (3) corporation to stimulate educational and research activities, provide educational resources and activities, and aid education and research by encouraging tax-exempt donations to forensic education and research programs.

AAPL members are encouraged to apply for educational grants to develop an innovative educational product or for research grants to conduct research in forensic psychiatry. AAPL members can collaborate with non-AAPL members but the lead developer of the educational projects or the principal investigator of research submissions must be an AAPL member.

There are two types of awards. The Education Committee will consider proposals for educational projects that will benefit forensic psychiatrists, forensic psychiatry trainees, and other professionals. The Research Committee will consider proposals for research that advances the field of forensic psychiatry. Awards can be used for production of materials, data analysis and collection, and salary support to free up time to work on this project. Funds may be used to purchase technology needed for the project that is not otherwise available. The reviewers reserve the opportunity to request further information about proposed purchases or uses of specific technology. Indirect costs are not covered, and funds **cannot** be used for travel and lodging to the AAPL meeting where members generally pay for themselves.

Proposals should be submitted for no more than \$15,000. Proposals for smaller amounts are encouraged.

## Specific Criteria for Education or Research Proposals are below.

### Educational Products:

Some examples include: innovative educational DVDs and digitalized videos, Grand Rounds on-line (similar to APA with the development of several cases each year), teleconferencing, CD-ROMs with modules, PowerPoint presentations, on-line CME products, course

materials, and a live training (where the grantee would work with an educational mentor for one to two weeks as a visiting student and then give a presentation using the new skills).

There are four potential audiences. Proposals should specify the target audience: General Psychiatry Residents, Forensic Psychiatry Fellows, General Psychiatrists, and Practicing Forensic Psychiatrists

### What is the length of the grant?

Grants will generally be given for one year. Exceptions will need special justification.

### Who owns the product? AIER.

### What are the criteria for funding?

**Significance:** Why is this an important project? How will education about forensic topics for the target audience be enhanced by it? Will the product be transportable and useful to large numbers of the target audience?

**Feasibility:** Can this project be implemented within one year with the requested funding? Do you have the support of each of the individuals or groups that must be involved to make the project happen?

**Methods:** Are the methods clearly stated and appropriate? Will the methods allow you to develop the proposed educational product?

### Application Format:

The proposal must be detailed and include all the categories listed in the Criteria for Funding section above.

People requesting grants should submit their curriculum vitae and their prior experience in developing educational projects including documents showing their success. Examples of prior products that have developed should be included. Submission of evidence of excellence in teaching, e.g., teaching evaluations, is encouraged.

A detailed budget with justification must be included in the proposal. Address any other sources of funding.

**Copyright Issues:** If copyrighted material will be used in the educational product, permission to use this material must

be obtained by the grantee. The intent and means to do so must be included in the proposal.

Awardees will need to sign documents related to non-conflict of interest.

## Research Proposals:

### What types of research are eligible?

No specific form of research is excluded but the Principal Investigator must be a member of AAPL. The proposal must have passed IRB approval at the originating institution. Private office-based members are expected to obtain equivalent review on a consultative basis. This step is not required for literature reviews.

### What is the length of the grant?

Grants will generally be given for one year. Exceptions will need special justification.

**Where will the research be published?** The Journal of AAPL has the right of first refusal to publish the data.

### What are the criteria for funding?

Relevance to forensic psychiatry; Likelihood of achievement of goal; Value of contribution to the field (scientific merit); Originality and creativity; Availability of other funding sources or matching funds; Potential for presentation of results; Potential for reaching to more extended research and extended funding.

### Application Format:

- 1. Project Title:** Provide names of investigators and contact information.
- 2. Aims and objectives of the project**
- 3. Project summary:** Provide a brief but explicit description of the project. Please address the significance of the project to forensic psychiatric understanding or knowledge, and how it is innovative and promising. Indicate if and how the project might influence forensic practice, assessments, treatment or testimony. Indicate consistency with the missions of AAPL.
- 4. Issues of subject protection:** The proposal must have been submitted for IRB approval. Grants will not be funded without a letter of IRB approval or exemption.
- 5. Proposed budget:** please address availability of matching funds, other sources, donated services and so on.

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# Delaware Valley Chapter of AAPL Revived

*Carla Rodgers MD, President, Delaware Valley AAPL Chapter*

After approximately a dozen years of inactivity, the Delaware Valley Chapter of AAPL is again operational. The impetus to revive this chapter came from the attendees at the University of Pennsylvania Forensic Psychiatry Seminar, a CME program which is convened by Dr. Robert Sadoff, a former President of AAPL. The geographic location of this chapter includes southern New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, and Delaware. We have had a very enthusiastic response to the call to revive the chapter. Members, who now number 25, have held 2 meetings thus far, in May and July, 2005. The chapter supported the annual Sadoff Lecture on Psychiatry and Law, which was hosted by the College of Physicians of Philadelphia in July 2005. The speaker for the Sadoff Lecture was Dr. Joseph Bloom, acting Dean of Drexel Medical College, who spoke on 28 years of experience with defendants pleading NGRI in Oregon. The focus of the chapter is primarily educational, and to serve as a resource for the legal and

psychiatric communities in the chapter region. We hope the revitalization of this chapter will also add strength to the national organization. Outreach to inter-

ested residents in our local area has been discussed, as has a mock trial presentation. Interested persons may contact [carlarodgers@earthlink.net](mailto:carlarodgers@earthlink.net). ☎



Delaware Valley AAPL chapter officers at the Sadoff Lecture event are pictured above. From the left is Robert Sadoff MD, President-emeritus and chapter liaison to AAPL, Carla Rodgers MD, current President, Laurentine Fromm MD, secretary, and Kenneth Weiss MD, treasurer (and official wine taster as you can tell from the glass!). Not photographed is Timothy Michals MD, chapter liaison to the Philadelphia Bar Association.

## Open Positions:

### *AAPL Alternate Delegate to AMA House of Delegates; and AAPL Representative to AMA Young Physicians Section*

As AAPL is a member of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association, it is entitled to a Delegate and an Alternate Delegate in that body. The Council is soliciting applications for the Alternate Delegate position. Applicants must be members of AAPL and AMA. Attendance at the AMA Annual Meeting in June and Interim Meeting, usually held in November, is required. The Alternate Delegate is also invited to AAPL Council Meetings in a nonvoting capacity.

The AAPL Council has also decided that the organization should be represented in the Young Physicians' Section of the AMA. Applicants must be members of AAPL and AMA. Attendance at the AMA Annual Meeting in June and Interim Meeting, usually held in

November, is required. Candidate must be no older than 37 at the time of appointment OR have no more than 5 years in practice. This is to ensure that the candidate can complete a three-year term within the definition of Young Physician of the AMA.

It is anticipated that these appointments will be made in time to allow participation in the June 2006 Annual House of Delegates Meeting.

AAPL covers expenses for travel, meals and hotel during the AMA meetings.

To apply for either position, please send a letter detailing experience and interest in organized medicine to Robert I. Simon, President, AAPL Executive Office, P.O. Box 30, Bloomfield, CT 06002, by February 1, 2006. ☎

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6. **Need for statistical analysis:** Identify need for services of a statistician and their availability.

7. **Ethical aspects of the proposed research:** Indicate how you will respond to these.

8. **AAPL access:** Indicate your willingness to present your results at AAPL annual meetings and/or submit to the Journal as first refusal.

9. **Curriculum vitae:** Please provide recent copy of the c.v.s of all researchers. If relevant, please include past articles by project members in the subject area.

**Submission deadline: April 1, 2006**

**Mail hard copy of submission – no emails or faxes – to AAPL-AIER, P.O. Box 30, Bloomfield, CT 06002. For overnight delivery, use street address: One Regency Drive. Receipt will be confirmed.** ☎