

Application for Psychology Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives Fund-

Graduate Student Research Funding, Fiscal Year 2026

*The Psychology Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives Fund is donor funded, and availability of funds will vary by year. **This application should be used for submissions between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.***

D&I research funding is intended to support graduate student engagement in high-quality research relevant to Diversity and Inclusion. This may include:

- Enhancing student competency as researchers in diversity and inclusion-related topics
- Contributing to the psychological literature, helping to rectify Psychology's historic exclusion of marginalized groups as participants/subjects and researchers
- Increasing BGSU's reputation in relevant fields as engaged in D&I-relevant research

"Diversity and Inclusion" is intentionally defined broadly. If clarification is sought during the review process, definitions in the BGSU Diversity and Belonging Comprehensive Strategy and Plan will be referenced (p. 12 in <https://www.bgsu.edu/content/dam/BGSU/division-of-diversity-and-belonging/documents/20DB0405DiversityandBelongingComprehensiveStrategyandPlan.pdf>)

Graduate students may apply for up to \$500 in funding per research project.

- Research funds can be used for participant incentives, software purchases, or other research-related expenses pending approval
- Research funds cannot be used to compensate researchers

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and will be reviewed within one month of receipt (excluding University breaks). Reviewers will be a sub-committee comprised of at least one faculty and one graduate student.

Applicants will be required to submit to the Chair a brief (no more than 2 pages) report within 18 months of award. Post-award report may include a summary of findings and any plans for publication/dissemination of results.

Research funds must be expended within one year of notification of award. An extension of up to 6 months may be granted if extenuating circumstances are demonstrated.

The project **proposal must include at least two graduate student investigators**, and may also include undergraduate students. Priority will be given to projects directed by students already involved in the department graduate student diversity committee and/or students who have not already received D&I research funding within the current fiscal year.

Please list the Principal Student Investigators:

Name	Primary Area (Clinical, I-O, NCS, Developmental)	Email

Please list any other students who may be involved in a supporting role:

Name	Primary Area (Clinical, I-O, NCS, Developmental)	Email

Please list the primary faculty advisor(s): (advisors are expected to support students and facilitate their development as researchers. Advisors will be contacted by reviewers to confirm their commitment.)

Name	Primary Area (Clinical, I-O, NCS, Developmental)	Email

Please append a 2-3 page (single-spaced) grant proposal to this form, and email both to cjtombs@bgsu.edu. The proposal must explicitly address how the project contributes to scientific literature related to diversity and inclusion. Note: simply replicating existing studies in a new population is not sufficient to demonstrate contribution to literature on diversity and inclusion.

In the proposal, be sure to include the following information:

- Research background
- Aims of the study
- Method
- Budget
- Timeline (note: research funds cannot be spent until IRB approval is received. Research funds must be expended within one year of notification of award. An extension of up to 6 months may be granted if extenuating circumstances are demonstrated.)