

Call for Small Grant Initiative Proposals (Research or Network)

The ISPP Governing Council is pleased to continue ISPP's Small Grants Initiative that uses a portion of the income from ISPP investment funds to support **research and network projects** that further the goals of ISPP: (1) to increase the diversity of ISPP membership and internationalize the Society; (2) to strengthen our organization; and (3) to promote excellence in political psychology.

We invite ISPP members to submit small grant proposals for 2027. We will accept proposals related to political psychology from any current ISPP member in one of two categories: (1) small **research** grants to support focused research projects, or (2) small **network** grants to help bring together a group of researchers. Specific award amounts may vary, but we have \$80,000 USD to distribute, and the maximum amount proposers may request is **\$5,000 USD**. We will make exceptions to this award limit in only the most extraordinary circumstances.

This year, we will treat the research and network proposals separately (i.e., they will not be in competition with each other), with different criteria to fulfill:

Research proposals (max. 5000 USD) need to be sufficient on all **four criteria**: (1) the ability to expand and diversify the reach of ISPP into underrepresented areas of the world, for example by including researchers from those areas, examining understudied populations from those areas, or featuring capacity-building; (2) promoting excellence in political psychology, including, but not limited to, integrative theoretical approaches, new methodologies, innovative topics, or important areas of research in political psychology that have been understudied; (3) the design and development of the proposal, including, but not limited to, methodological rigour, the feasibility of completing the project within a year, and the description of concrete output/deliverables, and (4) the scientific and societal significance of the project, including, but not limited to, its relevance to practice and policy, or its engagement with specific communities.

Network proposals (max. 5000 USD) need to be sufficient on all **three criteria**: (1) the ability to expand and diversify the reach of ISPP into underrepresented areas of the world, for example by including (early career) researchers from those areas, examining understudied populations from those areas, or featuring capacity-building and growth of ISPP, (2) promoting excellence in political psychology, including, but not limited to, integrative theoretical approaches, new methodologies, innovative topics, and/or important areas of research in political psychology that have been understudied; clear added value of the event, potential links with practitioners and community engagement, and (3) quality of network design and sustainability of collaboration, including, but not limited to, clear goals of the event, a clear participant strategy (for whom is the event and why), a clear description of the collaborative/interactive format of the event; feasibility of timeline, scale, use of funds; mention of institutional support (e.g., co-funding) and anchoring, and longer-term plans for potential future events.

Continuing last year's successful procedure, the committee will evaluate whether proposals *sufficiently fulfill these criteria* --- proposals that sufficiently meet all criteria proceed to the next stage, where they form a pool of candidates from which we will randomly draw the winners (i.e., a lottery). For transparency purposes, this will be recorded so that there is no bias involved. The idea behind this lottery procedure is that it (a) acknowledges that the committee is able to evaluate whether a proposal *sufficiently* satisfies the criteria we value without claiming to know which proposal is better than the other, and that it (b) has lower risks of bias and, hence, is more fair and inclusive.

To submit a proposal, members should go to <https://ispp.org/funding/small-grants/> where they can download the template form for the proposal (or alternatively, e-mail the committee chair Martijn van Zomeren at m.van.zomeren@rug.nl). Proposals (max. 1500 words) must be submitted **before November 16, 2026**, for consideration to info@ispp.org. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we anticipate completing the review process and drawing the winners by January 16, 2027. We will notify applicants about the outcome as soon as possible thereafter.

As for **eligibility**, PIs can only submit one proposal for each type of grant, must be a current member of ISPP, and are not eligible when awarded a small grant last year. We will encourage any other participants in any grant-funded project to join the Society if they have not already done so. PIs should provide the contact information for all participants in their project. If the grant is awarded, PIs need to

acknowledge ISPP funding in all disseminations of the work and provide a brief report about the outcomes of the project to ISPP within one year. Reimbursements for the 2027 small grant initiative can only apply to costs paid for in 2027, and reimbursement of indirect costs is not covered by the grant.

Please direct any questions you may have about this Call for Proposals to the committee chair, Martijn van Zomeren [m.van.zomeren@rug.nl].

—The ISPP Initiatives Committee