



CARE EVERYWHERE

Understanding and Nourishing the Development of Character Strengths Globally

CARE EVERYWHERE is an initiative led by *ISSBD* and supported by the *Templeton World Charity Foundation*. It targets research conducted by ISSBD members that aims to understand and promote character strengths across the lifespan and contributes to a better understanding of what is common and what is specific in care worldwide.

The program seeks to strengthen scholars' ability to conduct developmentally and culturally sensitive research while promoting equity, diversity, and inclusivity through global collaboration. In that line, the grant requires that two scholars (either early and/or mid-career scholars located in 2 different countries or regions, ideally from different continents and one applicant from a majority-world/under-represented country) apply together.

Examples of research questions that are eligible for investigation under this award include: How do young children acquire empathy and caring? What does courage look like in different contexts? How can we conceptualize and measure the development of shared humanity across contexts? How can we nurture kindness and caring among adolescents?

AMOUNT

Two awards will be granted in total. Each scholar within each award will receive **USD 16.000** (USD 32.000 per award).

DATES

Deadline for submissions: January 31st, 2025 Awardees Notified: March 15th, 2025 Start of awardee research projects: April 4th, 2025

SUBMISSIONS

Submit the application materials to www.members.issbd.org

ELIGIBILITY

- ISSBD membership is required.
- Scholars must be in an early- or mid-career stage:
 - Early-career: Postdoctoral fellows or those who completed their PhD within the last 7 years.
 - Mid-career: Scholars who are 7-15 years post-PhD or equivalent degree.
- The two scholars must apply together and be located in **different countries or regions**, ideally from different continents.
- Preference for one applicant from a majorityworld/underrepresented country.
- Preference for co-applicants representing different disciplines and demonstrating complementary research and methodological skills.





APPLICATION MATERIALS

You will need to submit a single file (preferably in PDF format) containing the following documents:

- 5-pages research proposal (excluding references). It should include: background, research question(s), hypotheses, method/analysis plan, timeline. All projects must involve data and analysis (quantitative or qualitative). Proposals longer than 5 pages will not be reviewed.
- A separate budget and justification should be included. Itemized budget and justification for each item
 (it can include the cost of any equipment, such as recording equipment, data analysis and collection
 costs, and other costs related to the project's operations.). The budget and justification are not part of
 the 5-pages proposal. Please keep the budget justification to two page. Include a request for how the
 funding should be allocated.
- CV of each applicant. Max. 3 pages each.

SUPPORT

Awardees will receive mentorship from senior ISSBD members through three meetings:

- Virtual Meeting #1: Scholars meet with senior mentors and the ISSBD president shortly after the project begins to discuss research design and project planning.
- Virtual Meeting #2: Nine months into the project, a webinar and discussion will focus on data collection, analysis, and implementation, with input from other scholars.
- In-Person Meeting #3: During the 21st month, scholars will attend the 28th ISSBD Biennial Meeting in South Korea, present their progress, and meet with mentors to review outcomes. Travel grants will be provided.

OUTCOMES

The following two deliverables are expected:

- A conference or poster presentation at the 2026 ISSBD Biennial Meeting in South Korea (month 12).
- A draft of a scientific paper or white paper to submit to a peer-reviewed journal (month 18).

QUESTIONS?

For questions about the nature of the grant, please reach out to:

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For issues on the application process, please contact:

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