International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development

Uniting Developmentalists in a Science that Cares and Shares

The ISSBD 2 x 2 Grant for Early Career Scholars

The 2 x 2 Grant for Early Career Scholars (i.e., doctoral students or postdoctoral fellows who have completed their doctoral degree within the past 7 years) reflects ISSBD's commitment to supporting early-career developmental scholars of all backgrounds worldwide.

The 2 × 2 Grant is open to pairs of early-career scholars based in different countries or regions, ideally on different continents. Preference will be given to pairs in which one applicant is based in a Majority World country. One of the applicants must demonstrate strong skills in the methods needed for the proposed study, whether quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods. The proposal should explain how the two applicants' expertise complements each other and how each will contribute to the study.

Award: Each pair will receive a single, non-renewable award of US$5,000 to support its study through the next ISSBD Biennial Meeting. Recipients will also receive travel stipends to present the work supported by their award at the 29th ISSBD Biennial Meeting in 2028. Stipend amounts will depend on the country of residence and the country where the conference will take place.

Number of awards: Following each ISSBD Biennial Meeting, two grants will be awarded, one to each of two pairs of early-career scholars.

Eligibility: Each pair of applicants must be:

- Early-career scholars based in different countries or regions and meeting the geographic criteria described above.
- Active current doctoral or postdoctoral students at a college or university, or within 7 years of being awarded a doctoral degree (time out for caring responsibilities or other commitments are considered)
- Supported by an advisor with expertise in the proposed area of study.
- Proposed projects may involve any research study that seeks to better understand or promote human development and flourishing across the lifespan. Original research, secondary data analysis, and meta-analytic reviews are welcome. Projects should be feasible within the grant period.
- Importance of the proposed project to *developmental* science needs to be explicitly stated and clear (e.g., by the use of developmental theory to inform the study and interpret results)
- Prior collaboration between the applicants will be considered an advantage.
- A cross-cultural element may be included with a stated rationale for how incorporating diversity and/or data from two different cultures, regions, or perspectives will contribute to the goals of the proposed research project.
- At least one applicant must already be a current ISSBD member. If the other applicant is joining ISSBD for the first time, they must do so as part of the application process. Applicants whose memberships have lapsed must renew them before submitting the application. Both applicants must register on the Membership Site to complete the application form (www.members.issbd.org).

Evaluation Criteria: All projects will be evaluated based on:

- Relevance to the 2 x 2 goal of promoting an international developmental science that cares by bringing early career scholars from different countries and perspectives together, creating a unique result that could not be achieved by either perspective alone
- Scientific merit
- Potential for impact of funds on applicants' professional development
- Evidence that at least one applicant has demonstrated expertise in the methods required for the proposed study, whether quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods.

Outcomes: The primary outcome is a presentation at the next ISSBD Biennial Meeting. The following deliverables are also required:

- A progress report submitted to the ISSBD President 6 months following the receipt of funding. The progress report should include a financial report detailing fund expenditure, with appropriate receipts/evidence of expenses to date.
- Submit a final financial report detailing grant expenditures, with receipts or equivalent documentation, when the funds have been fully spent or by the next ISSBD Biennial Meeting, whichever comes first.
- The two early-career scholars must co-author a presentation on the project findings and submit it for review by the next ISSBD Biennial Meeting's submission deadline. The presentation must be accepted and delivered at that meeting. Additional authors may be included.

Application Materials:

- Application form (www.members.issbd.org).
- **1000-word** (excluding references) research proposal (including background, research question(s), hypotheses, method/analysis plan, timeline, and expected impacts on the field and scholars' career development). All projects must involve data and analysis (quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods). **Proposals that are longer than 1000 words will not be reviewed.**
- Include a separate budget and justification. Itemized budget and justification for each budgeted item (only direct project expenses (including statistical programming) are eligible; personal salary and indirect/overhead costs are ineligible). The budget and justification are not part of the 1000-word proposal. Please keep the budget justification to **one page**. Include a request for **how the funding should be allocated** across scholars and/or institutions.
- CV of each applicant. Max. **2 pages each**.
- A letter of support from the advisor.

Important Dates:

- **Application deadline: January 10, 2027.**
- A selection committee will review the application, and decision notification emails will be sent in February 2027.

Questions:

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