**The Stanley J. Weiss Memorial Fund for Experimental Psychology**

The Stanley J. Weiss Memorial Fund for Experimental Psychology (the Fund) was established to make annual awards to recognize and honor Stan’s lifelong passion, dedication and contributions to the field of experimental psychology and, in particular, the area of animal learning and behavior. Throughout his career, Stan worked to increase support for and recognition of the importance of experimental psychology. For the past 20 or so years of his life, Stan convened the Winter Conference on Animal Learning and Behavior (WCALB). His passion for the science of animal learning research attracted new students and researchers to the field. As such, the goal of the Fund is to honor Stan’s passion by making awards that advance the field of experimental psychology, with emphasis on (but not limited to) learning and behavior research. The Eastern Psychological Association, of which Stan was a former President, will coordinate the review of applications and honor award winners at its annual conference.

Eligibility: Undergraduate and graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows. EPA membership is required.

Awards: Approximately $4000 per year is currently available to support up to 3-4 awards. Applications from individuals of underrepresented groups are encouraged. Applications must be completed online by January 15 of each year.

SPECIAL DEADLINE in 2022. An initial set of awards will be made in 2022. The application deadline for the first awards is July 15, 2022. The subsequent deadline will be January 15, 2023 and annually thereafter.

Support provided for:

1. Research materials
2. Student research assistants
3. Conference travel – Travel to the EPA conference, WCALB, or other relevant experimental psychology meeting/conference.
4. Defraying the cost of tuition, student fees or textbooks

Mechanism:

1. Funds provided by the Stanley J. Weiss Memorial Fund
2. Merit review by EPA
   1. Three members of the EPA Board of Directors (or designees)
   2. Richard B. Weiss (or his designee)
3. Undergraduates, graduates and post docs will be reviewed separately.
4. Dates: Applications due by January 15, reviews completed by February 15 and awards announced at the March meeting of the EPA.
5. Award period: Award will be made for one year, with renewals available upon application
6. Award amounts: Approximately $4000 per year is currently available to support up to 3-4 awards.
7. Final Progress Report: A final progress report is due 3 months after the award period ends

Credit requirement – Support must be acknowledged in any publication or presentation; e.g., this research was supported in part by funds provided by the Stanley J. Weiss Memorial Fund

Application Procedures

Abstract: All requests for support must provide an abstract of no more than 200 words explaining how the proposed support would help advance the field of experimental psychology, broadly conceived, with emphasis on (but not limited to) learning and behavior research.

Current and pending support: All requests for support must list any current support, its source and amount. Similarly, list other pending applications for support.

Conference Travel:  If presenting a paper or poster at a conference, please include abstract of paper or poster, acceptance letter from conference, and itemized budget for requested funding. If attending but not presenting, please include name of conference, location, describe sessions related to experimental psychology, and provide itemized budget for requested funding.

Defraying the Costs of Tuition, Student Fees, or Textbooks: Provide itemized budget on a separate sheet.

Research Materials: Describe your research project in a statement no longer than 4 pages. Include the following sections: Rationale and anticipated outcomes, Methods, Analysis, Scientific significance. Provide an itemized budget and justification for each line item.

Student Research Assistants: Describe your research project’s significance and anticipated outcomes, and how an undergraduate or graduate student research assistant would help advance the project in a statement no longer than two pages. If you have a specific person in mind, please include that person’s resume. Include itemized budget describing hourly rate and the number of hours to be worked by the research assistant on a separate sheet.

Applications should be addressed to:

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