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Dear Colleague Letter: Cultural Anthropology Research Experience for Graduates (REG) and Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Supplements

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Dear Colleague:

To advance the integration of research and education, the Cultural Anthropology program in the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE) invites researchers holding existing NSF awards to request a **Research Experience for Graduates (REG) or Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Supplement**. The purpose of the REG and REU supplements is to provide promising students in cultural anthropology opportunities for independent research while also encouraging PIs to mentor students in cooperative, collaborative activities. This supplemental funding will provide **up to \$6,000 per student** to support the cost of a Cultural Anthropology student's closely mentored but independent research experience. Whether a REG or REU supplement request, the proposed research should be the student's own research project; supplements are not intended to support clerical or research assistance for the PI. Supplements are also not intended to support language training, except in the context of a research project. REG supplements should not be submitted concurrently with other requests for doctoral dissertation research support. Students seeking support for doctoral dissertation research should apply for the Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG), information about which can be found at: <https://beta.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/cultural-anthropology-program-doctoral-dissertation-research-improvement>.

SUPPLEMENT REQUEST TARGET DATE

Requests for REG and REU supplements to support student summer research projects are due by March 1, annually, to allow adequate time for processing. Supplemental funding requests may also be accepted at other times of the year by contacting the appropriate NSF Program Officer in advance.

ELIGIBILITY

REG and REU supplemental funding requests may be submitted by U.S. Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) on behalf of faculty members with an existing NSF award. **The Principal Investigator (PI) must currently be serving as PI or co-PI on an active NSF grant.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUESTS

REG and REU supplemental support requests must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the guidance contained in Chapter VI.E.5. of the *NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG)*. The request should articulate in 2-3 pages the form and nature of the student's research project, including research questions or hypotheses, discussion of theoretical background, sample and research design and methodology, and data analysis plan; the student should prepare these pages. This information should be included in the Summary of Proposed Work section of the supplemental funding request.

Additionally, a faculty mentor (generally this is the PI, but it may also be a colleague) must provide a **1-2-page endorsement of the student**, identifying the grounds for the student's selection as well as plans for mentoring the student. The endorsement should be tailored specifically to the student. This information should be included in the Justification for Supplement section of the supplemental funding request. For a REG supplemental funding request, a **1-2-page biographical sketch for the graduate student researcher**, in any format chosen by the student, should also be included in the Supplementary Documents section of the request.

The proposed budget may include a research stipend of up to \$6,000 per REG or REU student. **All student costs must be entered as Participant Support Costs (Line F) on the budget.** Proposers considering requesting funds for more than one student should contact the NSF program officer to discuss. Normally, funds may be available for one student; rarely, for two students; but exceptions will be considered for training additional qualified students.

Students conducting research involving human subjects should either already have approval from their university to conduct their research or have an application pending to their university's Institutional Review Board (IRB) **at the time of submitting the supplemental funding request.**

Further details about NSF's REU program can be found at:
https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5517.

REVIEW OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUESTS

Supplemental funding requests will be reviewed internally by NSF program staff using NSF

merit review criteria. **Special attention will be paid to the appropriateness and value of the educational experience for the student participants, particularly the independence and theoretical significance of the student's activities and the quality of the supervision. All supplements are subject to (a) the availability of funds, and (b) review of the quality of proposals.**

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

There are no special reporting requirements for these supplements beyond the regular reporting requirements that apply to the parent grant.

CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

General inquiries should be made to the: **Cultural Anthropology Program** (<https://beta.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/cultural-anthropology-program-senior-research-awards-ca-sr>).

Sincerely,

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