Application Guidelines for the Harry Frank Guggenheim Emerging Scholar Awards

The Foundation welcomes proposals from any of the natural and social sciences, or allied disciplines, that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence and aggression. Highest priority is given to research that addresses urgent, present-day problems of violence—what produces it, how it operates, and what prevents or reduces it.

The Foundation is interested in violence related to many subjects, including, but not limited to, the following:

- War
- Crime
- Terrorism
- Family and intimate-partner relationships
- Climate instability and natural resource competition
- Racial, ethnic, and religious conflict
- Political extremism and nationalism

The Foundation supports research that investigates basic mechanisms in the production of violence, but primacy is given to proposals that make a compelling case for the relevance of potential findings for policies intended to reduce these ills. Likewise, historical research is considered to the extent that it is relevant to a current situation of violence. Examinations of the effects of violence are welcome only insofar as a strong case is made that these outcomes may serve, in turn, as causes of future violence.

The Emerging Scholar Awards

Applicants may be citizens of any country and studying at a college or university in any country. The award is $25,000 for one year. It is not for the support of doctoral research but rather to assist a doctoral candidate in timely completion of their dissertation. It is available only to students for support during the final year of Ph.D. studies. Usually, this means that fieldwork or other research is complete and writing has begun or will begin at the beginning of the award period. If analysis and writing are not far enough along for an applicant to be confident that the dissertation will be completed within the award year, an application should not be submitted. In some disciplines, particularly experimental fields, research and writing can reasonably be expected to be completed within the same year, and in those cases, it is appropriate to apply.

Timing

The first component of the application process is a Letter of Interest (LOI) questionnaire, which opens January 1 and must be completed online and submitted by ***February 1, at 11:59:00 p.m. ET***. Approved applicants will be invited to submit a full application, which is due by ***March 15, at 11:59:00 p.m. ET***. Final decisions are made by the HFG Board of Directors at its meeting in June. Applicants will be informed promptly by email of the Board's decision. Awards ordinarily commence on September 1, but other starting dates (after July 1) may be requested if the nature of the project makes this appropriate.

Taxation

A recipient of an Emerging Scholar award may be liable for income taxes on funds awarded, depending on whether the funds are used to pay tuition and certain other related expenses, the amount of the recipient's other income, the law of the recipient's domicile, and other factors. The Foundation does not provide advice on tax matters. Applicants should consult their own tax advisors to determine the tax consequences of receiving an Emerging Scholar award.

Application Procedure

Applications are submitted online. The application link can be found on our website, hfg.org. The direct address is https://www.grantinterface.com/hfg/Common/LogOn.aspx.

1. Applicants first create a login account and then may access the online application materials.

2. You will next submit a brief questionnaire, equivalent to an LOI (Letter of Interest), describing the proposed project.

3. The LOI form will be assessed by the Foundation for the project's suitability for funding consideration.

4. If your LOI is approved you will then be invited to complete the full application.

The deadline for submission of the LOI form is ***11:59:00 p.m. ET, February 1***, and notification of the decision on your LOI will be available by February 15. The deadline for submission of the full application (contingent on approval of the LOI) will be ***11:59:00 p.m. ET, March 15***. Late submissions of either part of the application process will not be considered.

Applicants will be informed of the decision on their application, made by the Foundation's Board of Directors, by email and letter in mid- or late June.

Completing the Full Application

A. Project Title

Complete all questions in this section that are applicable to your proposed project. Some questions are required; these are marked with an asterisk (*).

B. Abstract and Survey

Enter an abstract by typing or pasting text. (Note the length limit.) The abstract should be an informative but succinct description of the project, including its relevance to violence and/or aggression. The survey questions—about the topics, time period, and geographic region of your project—are for statistical purposes only; this information does not affect our evaluation of the application.

C. Advisor's Abbreviated C.V.

Please upload an abbreviated (two-page) version of your dissertation advisor's curriculum vitae. (You will not be penalized, however, if you are unable to shorten or obtain a shortened version of your advisor's C.V.)

D. Advisor's Letter

A letter from your advisor must be uploaded by the advisor using our online system. In the section of the online application headed "Advisor Letter," please follow the instructions to enter your advisor's email address and then click "Compose Email." The system will prompt you to write an email to your advisor asking that they provide a letter. They will then receive an email from our system with a link for uploading their letter. The letter should address the significance of the research and affirm that all requirements for the Ph.D., except the dissertation, will have been satisfactorily completed at the beginning of the award period and that preparation for the dissertation is such that it will be completed within the academic year for which the award is requested. The advisor's letter must be uploaded by ***March 22***.

E. Applicant's C.V. and Graduate School Transcript

Upload your own curriculum vitae of no more than two pages in length. Please also upload an official electronic copy of your transcript. If your Ph.D. program does not involve graded coursework, include an explanation of the university's requirements from your academic advisor.

F. Project Description

Upload a document describing the guiding theories, methods, study populations, etc., and explain how the dissertation research augments your discipline's body of knowledge. If your analysis is far enough along that all or some of your findings can be conveyed, discuss them. This is a chance to convince the Foundation that a project is worth funding. Be concise, but give sufficient detail for a proper evaluation. Research plans are typically about 15 double-spaced pages (not including footnotes or references listed in a bibliography). Supplementary supporting material is not expected but may be submitted.

G. Protection of Subjects

Explain what steps will be taken to protect the rights and welfare of any human subjects who might be involved in the research. If non-human animals are to be used in the project, discuss how the animals will be cared for so that they will not suffer unnecessary discomfort, pain, or injury. If these concerns are not applicable to the project, please so state.

H. Other Support

Describe facilities and resources already available for the proposed research. Also list the title, source, dollar amount, and period of time for funding expected or being sought for this project from other sources that would coincide with the period of the Foundation award and the expected notification date(s). If no other applications have been or will be submitted, please so state.

I. Electronic Signature

Completing this section is equivalent to hand-signing your application.

Further Information

Requests for further information should be directed to The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, 120 West 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10036, by telephone to (646) 428-0971, or by email to info@hfg.org. More information is also available on our website, hfg.org.