

2025 EAPP Collaborative Research Grants Call for Applications

Purpose of the Grants

The call is now open for the 2025 European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP) **Collaborative Research Grants**. The aim of the grants is to support novel and high-level collaborative personality research projects involving at least two early career researchers (ECRs) from at least two different countries or distinct within-country regions. Applications involving researchers from Ukraine or other countries/regions underrepresented in personality research are particularly welcome in this call. In 2025, up to two grants of €10.000,00 will be awarded for any combination of eligible activities conducted over two years. The EAPP will assess applications on their scientific merits, while also considering gender, special circumstances, and geographic representation of applicants.

Grant Terms and Conditions

- Funds are available to support direct research costs and dissemination of results.
- Applications should demonstrate that funds are sought for a clearly defined, discrete piece of research with an identifiable outcome on completion.
- Applications to organise a conference or workshop as well as grants intended solely to support conference or workshop attendance will NOT be considered.
- Applications aimed at evaluating the robustness and cross-ethnocultural, cross-regional, or cross-research group replicability of specific empirical phenomena are particularly welcome.
- The proposed project should meet open science and transparency policies, including pre-registration.
- While all types of competitive research proposals that fit the scope of this call (as outlined above) will be considered, all else being equal, preference will be given to projects that (a) feature original data collection and (b) involve researchers from Ukraine or other underrepresented regions.
- The project should lead to published work submitted for consideration by an EAPP journal—[European Journal of Personality \(EJP\)](#) or [Personality Science \(PS\)](#)—as grant awardees' first choice as a registered report or a regular empirical manuscript.
- Successful grant awardees will have to sign an agreement with the EAPP containing the terms on which the funds are being provided, and will be required to provide a final report at the end of the project (see Appendix A).
- The applicants (i.e., the Main Applicant and all project members) must be EAPP members or become members before submitting the grant application (see <https://eapp.org/membership/>).

Eligibility for Funding

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Grants are available for collaborative research in the field of personality science (broadly defined).
- The Main Applicant must be an ECR, that is, a researcher within 5 years of the award of their PhD degree (i.e., whose PhD has not been awarded earlier than 31 May 2019; these durations exclude any career break for reasons like family care, health or others).
- Another ECR from a different country or from an ethno-culturally distinct region in the same country must be involved in the project. Other applicants in the proposal may be more senior researchers or post-graduate students.

- A maximum of four applicants can apply for a single grant.
- Grant money will be transferred to research institutions (e.g., Universities or similar research institutions), as specified in the budget. Written approval from the host institution is required (see template below).

Eligible Costs

Funds may be sought to cover direct expenses incurred in planning and conducting research, and disseminating research findings, including:

- direct research costs (e.g., funds for participant payment; specialist software when free or open source alternatives are unavailable; translation costs; etc.)
- research assistance
- consumables
- communication and dissemination costs (e.g., proofreading)
- inevitable travel costs to collect data
- other collaborative activities of project partners that cannot be done virtually

Applicants must confirm in writing that these costs are not covered by any other funding institutions. Project overhead costs cannot be applied for.

Please note: In case of successful funding, the grant money transferred by the EAPP might be considered taxable income for the grant recipient, depending on their country of residence. EAPP assumes no liability for the tax consequences of the transaction. It is also important to note that grant recipients cannot receive any money for volunteer work from the EAPP (e.g., for editorial activities) in the year in which the grant money is transferred. Help with and clarification of these issues can be obtained from treasurer@eapp.org.

Application Documents (see Appendix B at the end of the call for application template)

1. Research Grant Application Form

- Information about the Main Applicant
- Information about the Project Member No. 2
- Information about the Project Member No. 3 (if applicable)
- Information about the Project Member No. 4 (if applicable)
- Information about the project

2. Full Project Description Document

- Title of the project
- Background rationale and study aims
- Research methods
- Ethical considerations
- Diversity considerations
- Open Science considerations
- Project management
- Potential impact of the project
- Communication and dissemination
- Declaration

3. Budget

4. CVs of all applicants

Application Procedure

Applications prepared using the application template provided in Appendix B of the call text and at the [EAPP webpage](#) should be sent to secretary@eapp.org by 31 October 2024 (23:59 CET). All required documents should be submitted as one PDF file not exceeding 30 pages. In case of questions, please contact the Secretary of the EAPP (secretary@eapp.org).

Evaluation

Eligible applications will be evaluated by a panel of experts convened from the members of the EAPP against the criteria below. A member of the EAPP Executive Committee will chair the panel. The panel will strive to avoid any conflicts of interest in its evaluation, selection, and approval procedure. The panel's decision is final, and they are not obliged to enter into correspondence with regard to their decision.

Proposals are evaluated and scored across the following selection and award criteria:

- Theoretical background/rationale and project aims (35%)
- Methodology (30%)
- Research team (20%)
- Implementation, dissemination, and expected impact (10%)
- Budget (5%)

Please find the detailed evaluation criteria in Appendix C at the end of the call.

Reporting of Project Results and Spending

Successful grant holders need to submit a grant report (max. 5 pages) within two months of their project's completion. The report must include:

- Project activities
- Results and impact (including any [planned] publications, reports)
- Financial expenditure statement, including all relevant receipts attesting how the grant money was spent.

Application Timeline

- Call of applications published: 31 May, 2024
- Deadline of submission: 31 October, 2024
- Notification of outcome: January 2025
- Start of the funding period (if successful): March 2025
- End of the funding period: 2027

Dates are subject to change.

Appendix A. Agreement draft

European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP) Collaborative Research Grant Agreement

The parties to this Grant Agreement are:

1. The EAPP Executive Committee (EC) represented by the EAPP treasurer,
and
2. The recipient of the 2025 EAPP Collaborative Research Grants funds, henceforth the Recipient.

This Agreement contains the terms on which the funds are being provided to the Recipient of the 2025 EAPP Collaborative Research Grants. By signing this contract the Recipient promises to spend the lump sum of 10.000,00 Euro according to the budget plan of the accepted application (as submitted to the EAPP).

The Recipient of the 2025 EAPP Collaborative Research Grants needs to submit a grant report (max. 5 pages) within two months of their project completion to secretary@eapp.org. The report must include:

- Project activities, detailing how the envisioned goals have been realized and/or why planned steps might have changed.
- Results and impact (including any publications, reports, conference presentations or other kinds of impact)
- Financial expenditure statement (along with copies of relevant receipts or other documents attesting the expenses).

By signing this agreement, the Recipient promises to use the funds responsibly and according to the approved budget, and to transfer back any remaining funds within two months of their project completion.

Name of applicant:

University:

Email:

Amount:

IBAN:

BIC:

Place:

Date:

Signature

Appendix B. Application Template**EAPP 2025 Collaborative Research Grants Application Template**

The Main Applicant (required)**Full name:****Title:****Gender:****Month and year of PhD award:****Current position/role:****Main affiliation (organization):****Country of affiliation:****email:**

Project Member No 2 (required)**Full name:****Title:****Gender:****Month and year of PhD award:****Current position/role:****Main affiliation (organization):****Country of affiliation:****email:**

Project Member No 3 (if applicable)**Full name:****Title:****Gender:****Month and year of PhD award or the expected year of PhD completion:****Current position/role:****Main affiliation (organization):****Country of affiliation:****email:**

Project Member No 4 (if applicable)

Full name:

Title:

Gender:

Month and year of PhD award or the expected year of PhD completion:

Current position/role:

Main affiliation (organization):

Country of affiliation:

email:

Project title:

Project start date: dd.mm.yyyy

Project end date: dd.mm.yyyy

Number of partners:

Project summary (250 words max):

FULL PROJECT DESCRIPTION DOCUMENT (max. 15 pages Times new roman 12pt single-line spacing)

TITLE OF THE PROJECT:

BACKGROUND RATIONALE AND STUDY AIMS

Please describe why this research is needed and what it aims to achieve.

RESEARCH METHODS

Please describe your research methods, including assessment tools and planned samples.

RESEARCH TIMELINE AND ACTIVITIES

Please give a detailed timeline and description of the project activities.

ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you obtained ethical approval from the relevant authority? (Yes) (No)

If NO, briefly explain how you plan to obtain ethical approval.

Please describe any of the ethical or intellectual copyright issues that you have identified.

DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

How will the project meet and advance the diversity criteria as defined in the [EAPP Diversity Statement](#)?

This may include, but is not limited to: The research participants in the sample; the methods used in the research; the members of the research team(s) involved in the work (e.g., background, diversity, career stage, affiliation type); the content of the presentation (e.g., critical theories, prejudice, equity, cross-cultural research).

OPEN SCIENCE CONSIDERATIONS

Please describe how the project will meet the open science standards as per [European Journal of Personality](#) and [Personality Science](#) Open Science and transparency policies (see <https://journals.sagepub.com/author-instructions/ERP> and <https://ps.psychopen.eu/index.php/ps/open-science> for more information).

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Please provide an implementation plan that considers the timeline and management processes to achieve all aims of the project.

POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE PROJECT

Please describe the potential impacts of the project.

COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION

Please describe how you plan to publish and disseminate the research findings of the project.

REFERENCE LIST

Please provide references following the APA style

APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRS AND/OR UNIVERSITY SIGNING OFFICIALS (not included in the 15-page limit)

Please, provide a letter signed by the Department chair(s) or by the University signing officials (i.e., persons with the authority to approve such an agreement) confirming that each of the Departments / Universities directly involved in the grant (i.e., those receiving money from the EAPP) are available to act as host entities for this research grant in case successfully funded, and that they are aware that no overheads are allowed.

Notice that if the host institution changes after the application is evaluated, the applicants will be allowed to send an updated version of this document. EAPP will have the authority to approve (which will happen in most cases) or reject (only for exceptional reasons) the new institution.

SHORT CURRICULUM VITAE FOR ALL APPLICANTS (max. 3 pages per applicant)

EDUCATION

Please list details on your degrees (e.g., Bachelor, Master), including type of degree, university, and year.

ADVANCED TRAINING AND INTERNSHIPS RECEIVED

Please list – along with supervisors, locations, year, and tasks – any special seminars, workshops, trainings, internships (paid or unpaid) etc. you took outside of university courses.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Please list any academic positions (e.g., research assistant) you held at a university, including the position title, university, year, and duration.

AWARDS, SCIENTIFIC HONORS, FUNDING

Please list any awards, scientific honors, or funding (e.g., for stipends, research projects, travel, etc.) here.

TEACHING, SUPERVISION, MENTORING

Please list any teaching activities, including courses (e.g., at the university; workshops; trainings) you may have given or co-taught as well as supervisions and mentoring undertaken.

REVIEWING (OR EDITORIAL) ACTIVITIES

Please list journals for which you have acted as an ad hoc reviewer. If you are on editorial boards, please also list those journals and your role there.

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

Please list scientific associations and societies of which you are a member. If you also have a special role in them, please list that too.

PUBLICATION LIST

Please list your publications.

BUDGET TEMPLATE

All costs should be indicated in Euros.

Budget Item	Main Applicant	Project Member No 2	Project Member No 3 (if applicable)	Project Member No 4 (if applicable)	Total	Brief description of the budget item
Direct research costs						
Research assistance						
Consumables						
Communication and dissemination costs						
Travel costs to collect data						
Collaborative activities of project partners						
TOTAL¹						

¹ The overall total across units should amount to €10,000.

Appendix C. Detailed Evaluation Criteria

Experts score each award criterion on a scale from 0 to 5 (half point scores may be given):

- 0 – Proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
- 1 – *Poor*. The criterion is inadequately addressed or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
- 2 – *Fair*. The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
- 3 – *Good*. The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.
- 4 – *Very good*. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
- 5 – *Excellent*. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

The sum of the weighted criteria scores makes up the total score.

Theoretical background/rationale and project aims

- Is the problem statement clear and well defined?
- Are the project's aims clearly stated, feasible, and appropriately focused?
- Is the project timely and novel, and does it address a gap in the literature/field?
- Does the project aim to evaluate the robustness and replicability of the project's results across different cultures/ethnic groups/regions/samples?
- Does the project meet the diversity criteria as defined in the [EAPP Diversity Statement](#)?

Methodology

- Are the methods clear (study design, participants, setting for the research, assessment tools) and aligned with project aims?
- Is the planned analysis appropriate for the project aims?
- Does the project (anticipate to) meet Open Science and transparency policies, including pre-registration, data and script sharing etc.?
- Are ethical considerations properly addressed?

Research team

- Does the Main Applicant meet the eligibility criteria?
- Is the Main Applicant's record of accomplishment appropriate for their career stage?
- Are the applicants' areas of expertise suited to the project and to what extent do they have complementary and integrated expertise to make successful completion of the project in the specified timeline likely?
- Does the project team meet the diversity criteria as defined in the [EAPP Diversity Statement](#)?
- Are applicants working in Ukraine or in other countries/regions underrepresented in personality research?

Implementation, dissemination, and expected impact

- Are the proposed research activities reasonable and appropriate for the project aims?
- Is the timeline for completion feasible and likely to succeed?
- Are potential outcomes of the project discussed and are they reasonable?
- Is there a clear plan for dissemination, including publications in the EAPP journals?
- Is the potential impact of the proposed research project sufficiently addressed?

Budget

- Is the budget reasonable, realistic, and fully justified?
- Are funds dedicated to approved costs?