

FAQs about the Reznick Grant – Fall 2021 applications

Award amount for 2022 is \$2,263!

Q: Can I apply if I will be a second semester senior in the Spring 2022 semester?

A: Yes. The grant funds are for the Spring 2022 semester, so seniors graduating in May 2022 are eligible.

Q: Would I need to be working in a lab next semester?

A: Yes, the idea is that you would be working on your research interests or related topics in a lab in the spring 2022 semester. If you are currently in a lab, you could continue in that lab – or you could join a new lab (in addition or in place of your current lab). If you are not in a lab and are not sure how to connect with a lab, we can facilitate lining you up in a lab, ideally one that is doing research related to your interests.

Q: Can the money go toward things like conference registration and travel to a conference?

A: Yes. The initial intent of this grant was to allow a student to not have to do paid work off-campus or on-campus, and to free them up for more time for research in psychology, but other uses of the grant money are an option (e.g., costs related to conferences, participant incentives, etc.). Thus, there is a lot of flexibility in terms of what the grant money goes to.

Q: How would the grant be received?

A: The grant would be paid out in monthly increments. These would be delivered upon receipt of monthly written reports summarizing the research you were involved in that month and what you have been learning about the research process and/or about your content area and research questions that month.

Q: Does my research proposal have to be feasible?

A: We would like you to propose something that is reasonably feasible. We understand that you may have some big ideas that you would ideally like to address in a big way. In a case like that, we encourage you to bounce your big ideas off of others as a way of thinking through how to test the ideas (or aspects of the ideas) in a more focused way for the purposes of this application.

Q: I will be a second semester senior in the spring and will be underloading – will that count as a full-time student for Spring 2022?

A: In general, underloading second semester seniors will be considered full-time students for the purpose of this grant if they are considered full-time students by the university (e.g., in terms of health insurance).

Q: Do I have to propose one research project or could I propose more than one?

A: You may refer to more than one project - just be mindful that there is a word limit for describing the research interests and questions and a general sense of study design. If you are interested in proposing more than one research project, this may be presented under the umbrella of some common theme with various research questions and study designs emanating from that, or a couple of different research interests with each type of interest generating different questions and studies.

Q: How competitive will I be for this award if I have very little research experience? If I have a lot of research experience?

A: Since we will be making two awards this year, and either having very little or a lot of research experience will not necessarily affect how competitive you are for this grant. One award will be given to a student who has already been involved substantially in psychological research as a way to encourage further depth of research experiences, and one award will be given to someone who may just be beginning to think about research in order to encourage these burgeoning scientific interests. Thus, those who have had very little research experience will not be competing against those with substantial research experience for this grant.