

THE ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT IN PSYCHOLOGY (ANCAP) PROGRAM

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH GRANT

The new Alaska Native Community Advancement in Psychology (ANCAP) Program offers one competitive Undergraduate Research Grant each year to support an outstanding undergraduate student's research activity in the broad area of behavioral/mental health or psychological experiences of Alaska Native or American Indian communities. Proposals are solicited in the fall semester.

The award funds the actual project costs up to \$800 plus a \$200 student stipend.

Deadline: Proposals are due on December 1st of every year.

Eligibility: Students must be a member of ANCAP (if not a member, please complete the membership form and submit along with the research proposal), accepted in an associate or baccalaureate degree program at the University of Alaska Anchorage (any campus), and must be enrolled in at least three credits each semester for the duration of the research (with the exception of the summer semester). Students in all disciplines are encouraged to apply, but students who are psychology majors or are majoring in other behavioral health-related fields are given priority.

Proposal Guidelines

Research Proposal: Although research topics could be on anything related to the psychological experiences of Alaska Natives or American Indians, the proposed project should have components that: (1) emphasize the strengths of Alaska Native/American Indian communities and cultures; and (2) involve both individual-level and social/environmental-level solutions to behavioral/mental health issues faced by Alaska Natives/American Indians. Proposals that are highly consistent with the mission and goals of the ANCAP Program are highly encouraged. The proposal should consist of the ten (10) items listed below.

1. Cover sheet* – The cover sheet should include the project title, student's name, student ID number, student address, student email address, student phone number, student major, and student's signature. The faculty advisor's name and signature should be included, certifying that they have reviewed the proposal for content, that the student is capable of performing the research, that the student is culturally-sensitive and respectful of Native cultures, and that the faculty member agrees to mentor the student for the project.

*Projects with more than one student investigator should identify one student as the principal investigator who will take primary responsibility for overseeing the project.

2. Abstract and Specific Aims (approx 1 page) – A one paragraph summary of the project proposal, and a one paragraph summary of the project goals.

3. Introduction (1-2 pages) – A review of the literature that supports the need for your research endeavor.

4. Experimental/Project Design* (1-2 pages)

- Proposals should include a detailed description of how the research project will be completed including (a) a sampling protocol and/or design plan; (b) the methods and/or procedures to be used; (c) the data reduction and analysis to be conducted or a description of the final form of the product.
*Projects with more than one student investigator should provide a breakdown and description of duties and indicate which student is responsible for each part.

5. Anticipated Results (1 page) – Provide the reviewers with a list of the results expected.

- Scholarly proposals should include an interpretation and explanation of results as related to hypothesis tested. Also, you may want to discuss or suggest further work that may help address the problem you are trying to solve.

6. Project Budget (allow one page for the budget and one page for budget justification) – Include the cost of personnel, supplies, equipment and travel, and a brief justification for each item. Please note the following:

- The student stipend should not be included in the project budget.
- Travel will be allowed only if it falls within the same academic year(s) as your research and there is a direct relationship between the research and the travel being proposed (e.g. for the purposes of conducting research, or to present results at a conference). Funding for travel to a conference will be granted only if the student(s) is accepted to present at that conference.
- Expenses that will not be allowed include:
 - Compensation for the student's time and per diem
 - Tuition to get credit for the project
 - Amounts for supplies or equipment that exceed reasonable and customary expenses
- Equipment purchased with the grant will belong to ANCAP after the research is concluded.
- Proposed expenses must be in accordance with UA Policy and Regulation, and funds must be expended as specified in the proposal.
- For this reason, please be as accurate as possible in estimating your expenses. Do not over-inflate your budget; conversely, do not underestimate what your actual costs will be.
- If the project has funding from an external source outside of ANCAP, include an appendix with information about the funding (e.g. grant proposal, contract, etc.), a short narrative that explains how the proposed project meshes with the external source, and a budget that shows what will be funded by the ANCAP grant and the external source.

7. Project References (1-2 pages) – Use the standard convention of discipline including the author, title of article, journal title, volume, pages, and date.

8. Project Timeline – Outline the anticipated dates of completion of various stages of project. For example: When do you anticipate completing background research, fieldwork, lab work, budget expenditures, etc. Be sure to include in this timeline the following dates:

- Mid-April – Presentation at the Behavioral Sciences Conference of the North, the Undergraduate Research and Discovery Symposium, etc.
- May 15 – Expenditure deadline
- May 30 – Final written report deadline

9. Appendix (up to 5 pages) – student's résumé or curriculum vita. (If the project has more than one student investigator, please include a résumé or CV for each applicant.)

- also, letters of support, collaboration, or commitment from community organizations who are helping/approving the project may be included as an appendix.

10. Human Subjects Certification – Applicants need to attach certification or proof that they have completed and passed the UAA Institutional Review Board Training and Certification procedures.

**FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ANCAP Coordinators
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