

Call for Proposals

The Joan Schafer Research Faculty Award in Sport, Fitness, and Disability

Deadline: July 31, 2017

The Joan Schafer Research Faculty Award in Sport, Fitness, and Disability, established in 2015, supports projects investigating how living with a physical challenge influences access to and participation in sport and physical activity. **Projects that have real world application are a top funding priority.** This grant supports both theoretical as well as intervention research, including challenges and solutions related to transitioning to civilian life from military service.

Support may be requested for individual activities, such as research assistance, research-related travel, or research materials. We support collaborative projects, pilot studies or initial research efforts. While providing funds for new and emerging work is a priority for this program, requests for support of ongoing programs of research are also considered. Applications are accepted from all academic disciplines.

Awards:

Up to two awards will be funded this cycle. Project funds may be requested up to \$5,000, depending on the scope of the project. We encourage applications from those seeking matching funds for grants from other sources, up to the \$5,000 limit. Awards will be announced in early fall, 2017.

Eligibility:

Tenure-track, non-tenure track, emeritus faculty; clinical faculty; research faculty; and librarians at the University of Michigan are eligible. Applicants are encouraged to include students in project plans, but the principal investigator may not be a student or postdoctoral fellow. Individuals who receive funding are eligible to apply again.

Proposal Content:

Please submit the following materials in one PDF file (12-point font, please.)

1. Cover Sheet, including:

- a. Project title
- b. Lead applicant's name, title and department(s), and email address
- c. Names and affiliations of collaborators on the project

- d. Amount requested
 - e. Funding received from IRWG in the past five years by any of the collaborators
- 2. Abstract:**
- a. Provide a 100-word summary of the project
 - b. This summary will be used on the IRWG website and in other reporting and publicity documents for funded projects.
- 3. Project Narrative--** In no more than four (4) pages, describe:
- a. Goals of the project
 - b. Plan for conducting the project
 - c. Roles of any collaborators on the project
- 4. Budget:**
- a. Outline budget expenses, including their justification
 - b. Specify contingent budgets
 - c. Any salary expenses must include appropriate calculation of benefits
 - d. Please note that faculty salary will not be funded
- 5. Curriculum Vitae for all collaborators on the project**

Selection Criteria:

Reviewers will score the applications based on these criteria: 1) Addressing and understanding real world problem and/or solution; 2) Quality and significance of the scholarly or creative activity proposed; 3) Centrality of research on physical challenges or disability; 4) Inclusion of appropriate attention to issues of gender, and/or other differences between women and men; 5) Contribution of the project to the University of Michigan (in terms of scholarly, training, or curricular influence, or external funding, etc.); and 6) Translational implications of research.

Answering the following questions before preparing your proposal will strengthen it:

1) In what ways will this project inform real world issues in disabilities, gender, and sport, physical activity and/or fitness? (Please note in the application your plans to understand your findings in terms how they can be used to create new insights for real world application, interventions, policy, activism, etc.) 2) How are you studying disability, gender, or differences among women and men in your project design? 3) How will your project help to develop your career or the careers of any students working on the project? 4) How will your work contribute to the study of disability and sport, physical activity, and/or fitness at U-M? 5) What concrete outcomes and next steps will result from your work?

Submit electronic applications:

Submit proposal, including cover sheet, abstract, project narrative, budget, and curriculum vitae by email to Schafer.fitness.grant@umich.edu. Please submit one PDF file.

You may also apply online at irwg.umich.edu/funding/schafer

Review Process:

Reviews will be completed by an interdisciplinary panel of faculty affiliated with the institute, including previous grant recipients.

Human Subjects Review:

Compliance with all appropriate regulations governing conduct of research will be required. Research proposals involving the use of human subjects will be subject to project review and approval by the appropriate IRB. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain IRB approval in a timely manner so that research is not delayed.

Post Award Expectations:

- Acknowledge this IRWG/SHARP support and grant award in all presentations and publications resulting from the funded project.
- Inform IRWG staff (Heidi Bennett, heidiab@umich.edu) of resulting funding, presentations and publications for publicity purposes.
- If awarded the Joan Schafer Research Faculty Award in Sport, Fitness, and Disability, you agree to
 - provide a written report within one year of your first expenditure outlining your project activities and financial accounting. Please also indicate at this time what subsequent actions, products, or steps (e.g. extramural grant submission) you have taken, or plan to take, as a result of this award.
 - serve as a reviewer for future applications of this award.
 - present your findings at IRWG/SHARP if requested.

Publicity Consent:

Please acknowledge that you approve the use of your project title and abstract for use in IRWG and SHARP publicity, including, but not limited to listings on the IRWG and SHARP websites, annual reports, press releases, newsletters, and social media. We are also very happy to help you disseminate your findings from this project.

Questions?

Please contact Michelle Segar, SHARP Director, at fitness@umich.edu.

Please share this Call for Proposals with other University of Michigan faculty who might be interested.