

# Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM) Bridging the Gap Research Award

Applications open: June 14 – July 26, 2022



## About the Award:

The Bridging the Gap Research Award will provide resources to help a postdoctoral student prepare a competitive research grant proposal. This is an \$8,000 annual award. Each recipient is only eligible for one year of funding.

Early-stage investigators are often expected to produce extramurally funded research with very limited or non-existent support for successfully applying for and receiving the grant dollars they need. This award seeks to bridge that preparation gap in today's increasingly competitive grant funding environment. Postdoctoral students may use award funds for anything that supports a larger grant proposal, including but not limited to, equipment and supplies, additional analyses, consultants, statistical support, data collection, and professional development or training.

In addition to a monetary award, the awardee will be assigned a mentor who is an SBM Fellow or a distinguished behavioral medicine professional with experience in their research topic area. Throughout the 1-year period of active funding, the mentor will reach out proactively to the awardee to provide guidance and help overcome hurdles.

## Eligibility Criteria:

- The nominee must be an SBM student member in good standing at the time of application.
- The nominee must have received a doctoral degree before the time of application.
- The award will not provide the recipient's institution with indirect funding.
- Proposals are encouraged from behavioral medicine disciplines including, but not limited to, psychology, medicine, nursing, epidemiology, nutrition, physical therapy, public health, and more.

*Special consideration will be given to research projects that investigate key social problems including, but not limited to, climate change, health inequities, COVID-19, and the spread of misinformation.*

We strongly encourage underrepresented racial and ethnic minority researchers, sexual and gender minorities, women, and individuals with disabilities to apply. SBM is committed to diversity and inclusion in its leadership, membership, programs, activities and decision making. The society seeks to actively engage individuals representing various backgrounds to support the mission and vision of our society.

## Expectations of Award Recipient:

- The award recipient must provide a progress report of their research project no later than 6 weeks after their full year of award funding has ended.
- The award recipient is expected to attend the donor reception during the next Annual Meeting and give a short presentation of their project (no more than 5 minutes).
- The award recipient must inform SBM when their research funding application is submitted, and must share the outcome as soon as it is known.
- The award recipient must have at least one call or personal meeting with their paired SBM mentor shortly after they are awarded, and complete regular conversations with the mentor no fewer than 3 times during the awarded year.

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Application must be submitted by July 26, 2022



Full Name (first, middle, last): \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Doctoral Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please Check All that Apply:**

- I am a current SBM student member (dues paid for 2022)
- My research project investigates key social problems including, but not limited to, climate change, health inequities, COVID-19, and the spread of misinformation.
- I identify as a traditionally underrepresented racial or ethnic minority researcher, sexual or gender minority, woman and/or an individual with a disability.
- I have read and understand what is required of me if I am granted this award.

**Please submit the following as a PDF attachment along with this completed application to [info@sbm.org](mailto:info@sbm.org) no later than Tuesday, July 26 to be considered.**

1. *Narrative:* Prepare a narrative describing the following (limited to 2 pages):
  - Statement of need (i.e. how will this award close a gap in available resources)
  - Description of how award funds will be used with the one-year award period
  - Concrete plans for seeking additional funds to complete a larger related research project
  - Description of how your research, if funded, would advance the current state of knowledge in the field and would impact health. Special consideration will be given to research projects that investigate key social problems including, but not limited to, climate change, health inequities, COVID-19, and the spread of misinformation.
2. *Budget:* Provide a budget justification of how funds will be used (limited to 1 page)
3. *Applicant CV*