

## THE B. F. SKINNER FOUNDATION FLORIDA GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

We are pleased to announce that the B. F Skinner Foundation has generously offered to sponsor a research award for graduate student research. This is a \$500 award to assist in funding graduate student-driven research.

### Criteria:

- A. Applicants must be attending a graduate-level program in Florida.
- B. Applicants must be members of FABAA.
- C. The proposal must be for a student-driven research project, thesis or dissertation approved by their department of study.
- D. Applicants do not have to be in a behavior analysis graduate program, but the research must be behavior analytic in nature. Consideration will be given to proposals that describe research with a focus on observable and measurable behavior (or the products thereof) as the dependent variable and the manipulation of well-defined environmental events as independent variables. Both applied and basic research proposals are encouraged. Applied research proposals should correspond to the guidelines suggested by Baer, Wolf, & Risley (1968, 1987). Basic research proposals should correspond to the criteria set forth in Sidman (1960). Those submitting proposals are encouraged to look to the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis or the Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior for examples of behavior analytic research.

In order to be accepted, the packet must contain:

1. **A cover letter** with the student's contact information, where they are attending school, their program of study, and what they intend to do with the scholarship. The scholarship can be used for almost anything, but preference will be given to direct research-related use, such as equipment, software, paying data collectors, purchasing reinforcers for participants, etc. For equipment or software, explain how it will be used in the research project. (one page)
2. **A letter of support** from a supervising faculty. The letter should attest to the fact that the research is replicating/expanding knowledge in the field of behavior analysis.
3. **An Abstract** (500 words or fewer), outlining their research project.
4. **An Introduction** indicating why this research is important, how it relates to Baer, Wolf, and Risley (1968, 1987) or Sidman (1960), some supporting literature, and the research question. (No more than 3 pages, plus a reference page)
5. **A Methods section** indicating the design (ABAB, multiple baseline, etc), the number of proposed participants, from where the participants will be recruited, the general timeline of the research, and an overview of the procedures that will be used. Exacting details are not needed, but the reviewer should be able to determine the feasibility of the study from the information provided. (No more than 3 pages)

Submission Procedures:

1. The materials including the cover letter, Abstract, Introduction, Methods, and References sections must be sent as a Word email attachment to: [cstrateg@gmail.com](mailto:cstrateg@gmail.com) by August 19, 2011.
2. The entire email packet should not exceed 9 pages, including the reference page.
3. The Abstract, Introduction and Methods sections will be double spaced, in a manuscript 12 point font (such as Times New Roman) with margins set at 1 inch.
4. The faculty letter of support should be sent to:  
Catherine Williams  
10007 Irish Oaks Lane  
Tallahassee, FL 32317  
Attn: FABA Skinner Foundation Scholarship  
**OR**,  
it may be emailed, from the supporting professor's email address, to [dickens33@aol.com](mailto:dickens33@aol.com) by August 19, 2011.

References:

Baer, Wolf, & Risley. (1968). Some current dimensions of applied behavior analysis. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, 1, 91-97.

Baer, Wolf, & Risley. (1987). Some still-current dimensions of applied behavior analysis. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, 20, 313-328.

Sidman. (1960). *Tactics of scientific research*. New York: Basic Books. (This book was republished in 1988 by Author's Cooperative)