

TO: Faculty, Students, and other Researchers
FROM: Richard McNally, Professor of Psychology; Chair, Sackler Oversight Committee
RE: Sackler Foundation Call for Proposals
DATE: February 19, 2016

The Dr. Mortimer and Theresa Sackler Foundation endowed a fund to be administered by the Department of Psychology in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University. The Programme supports research, (living stipends or research expenses) for scholars conducting psychobiological studies of direct relevance to human clinical problems.

Who is eligible: Ph.D. students in psychology and medical sciences who are engaged in their dissertation research and currently in the second, third or fourth year. Also eligible are M.D. candidates in the Medical School, as well as recent terminal degree recipients working in psychobiology. Candidates for living stipends must not be getting other funding such as GSAS Dissertation Completion Fellowships.

Applicants may be nominated for Sackler Fellowships for up to two years per person, with no guarantee of a second year award. Each year, applicants may request either a stipend award first, or a research grant. The next year, applicants will request the alternative award. Total awards in any year are limited by the income of the fund and are increasingly competitive.

Recipients are called “Sackler Scholars in Psychobiology” and are expected to make reference to The Sackler Scholars Programme in Psychobiology upon the publication of research undertaken as a Sackler Scholar. Faculty may nominate more than one person; however, they must provide a rank order list to the committee.

Nominees should provide the following:

1. A letter of recommendation from their advisor (faculty member).
2. The nominee’s *curriculum vitae*.
3. A two-page description of the research project and an attached itemized budget.

Nomination packets are **due 9 AM, Thursday, April 14, 2016**. Please submit your nomination packets electronically to Joan Smeltzer at smeltzer@wjh.harvard.edu.

Certificates are presented to the current academic year scholars, in accordance with the wishes of the Sackler Foundation. Current scholars are asked to provide a progress report of the past year’s achievements in their research.

If questions remain about this program do not hesitate to ask for additional information. Please direct your questions to Mark Gerstel, Director of Administration, Department of Psychology at (617) 495-3909 or e-mail at mgerstel@wjh.harvard.edu.