
ADARP Graduate and Professional Student Grant Support Program for Research on Alcohol and Drug Addiction

Fall 2026 Request for Proposals

ORSO Approval Deadline: 5 pm, Thursday, September 3, 2026

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Research Program (ADARP) is to foster research at Washington State University that will provide significant and innovative contributions to behavioral, psychosocial, biomedical, or clinical research on alcohol and drug addiction. Research proposals dealing with alcohol or any substance recognized by the NIH as an addictive substance as well as behavioral or food addiction are welcome. Projects should be directly applicable to addiction, harm reduction, prevention, or physiological effects of addictive substances.

The projects should enhance the ability of the student principal investigator (PI) to develop their research capabilities and demonstrate the merit of their research ideas, productivity, and creativity as a basis for extramural fellowship proposals submitted by the student (e.g., NIH National Research Service Award, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship) or grant proposals submitted by the faculty mentor (Sponsor). Questions about the suitability of an application should be directed to the ADARP office at least one week before the grant submission deadline.

ELIGIBILITY

Applications will be accepted from US and international graduate and professional students in good standing. Students must be enrolled in a graduate or professional program on any of the four campuses of Washington State University throughout the funding period. A student may submit only one proposal as principal investigator (PI). The Sponsor must be a faculty member eligible to receive funding from federal agencies as principal investigator or Sponsor (e.g., NIDA, NIAAA). Priority will be given to student PIs who have not received ADARP funding during their graduate careers.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Awards are sought for a single term (Fall 2026) or two consecutive terms (Summer 2026/Fall 2026 or Fall 2026/Spring 2027). Support is provided at the student's standard departmental stipend level and includes a \$3,000 supply budget. Equipment or conference travel cannot be budgeted. Tuition waivers can be requested for up to two academic semesters (awarded based on availability) but are unavailable for summer. Awards to each research group (Sponsor and direct advisees) are capped at a total of \$65,000 per grant cycle.

This funding mechanism is designed to promote graduate and professional student research projects that have potential to generate extramural funding. Funds may be sought to strengthen an extramural fellowship application that was submitted, favorably reviewed, but not funded. For such proposals, student PIs are requested to include a copy of the grant, the critique, and the priority score as well as describe how the ADARP proposal will support the resubmission.

Grant proposals must be carefully developed and written to encourage positive reviews by a study section of WSU or external researchers knowledgeable in the area of the proposal. Most reviewers will have had a national competitive award. Applications that do not follow the formatting instructions will be returned. Grant review will take place in the fall.

AWARD PROCESS

Awardees will be notified in late fall. Awards will be effective on or after January 1st, 2027, pending submission of the relevant human subject research or animal care protocol approval document to ADARP and the availability of a valid DEA drug license in the Sponsor's lab (if applicable). For proposals that span two terms, awardees' home department will need to verify continued eligibility to receive stipend support for the second term.

APPLICATION FORMAT

Note: Grants must be written by the student PI with feedback from the Sponsor. Grants are submitted via e-REX by the home department. "ADARP" must be indicated in the e-REX Subagency field to direct the proposal to our office. All sections of the grant must be received on time for review.

- I. E-REX Form with ADARP in the Subagency field – (Submitted to the Sponsor’s home department with the application at least *5 business days* before the ORSO approval deadline. Please note, some departments require *additional processing time!* Consult your grant administrator in advance.)
- II. Face Page (name, position, department, submission date, proposal title, and abstract)
- III. Response to previous critique (for resubmitted applications only - maximum of 1 page)
- IV. Specific Aims (maximum 1 page)
- V. Significance
- VI. Innovation
- VII. Approach
- VIII. References
- IX. Detailed budget with brief justification (state dates, standard departmental stipend, and benefits for the funding period; note if tuition waiver is requested, include budget up to \$3,000)
- X. Biosketch (five-page NIH format including other support and overlap with this proposal, biosketch for Sponsor also needs to be included)
- XI. Plans for obtaining extramural funding and/or benefit to WSU or to the State of Washington
- XII. List of all grant applications submitted in the past three years related to addiction research, if any
- XIII. Letter of support from primary mentor
- XIV. List of graduate committee members
- XV. Names of 5-6 possible reviewers, preferably from WSU (any campus)

Maximum 6 pages For sections V-VII

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The proposals will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

1. **Significance.** Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field? If the aims of the project are achieved, how will scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice be improved?
2. **Innovation.** Does the application challenge and seek to shift current research or clinical practice paradigms by using novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions?
3. **Investigators.** Are the PI and Sponsor well suited to the project? Do they have appropriate experience and training?
4. **Approach.** Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented? If the project is in the early stages of development, will the strategy establish feasibility, and will particularly risky aspects be managed?
5. **Extramural Funding Potential/Benefit to the State of Washington.** Is this project likely to generate extramural support and/or benefit the State of Washington?
6. **Budget.** Is the budget appropriate?

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