

## **Call for Proposals 2017 Social Science Research Grant Program**

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is calling for proposals for its 2017 Social Science Research Program.

One task of WADA's Education Committee is to identify relevant areas of **social science research** in the field of anti-doping and encourage research to inform more efficient doping prevention strategies. As part of its strategic objectives, WADA has identified both education and research as priorities. It is essential that anti-doping education programs and initiatives be based on scientific knowledge and evidence. WADA invites applications for its 2016 Social Science Research Grant Program no later than **18 July, 2016 (00:00 GMT)**.

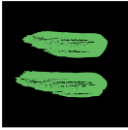
For the 2017 Program, WADA's Education Committee has identified the following three research topics:

### **1. Developing and evaluating intervention models based on up-to-date research findings**

Anti-Doping Social Science Research has yielded an important quantity of information which can now be exploited to develop interventions with a high potential of impacting behaviors. WADA is seeking the translation of this research into evidence-based interventions. Special consideration will be given to applications which include a pilot-test of a newly developed intervention, or an evaluation of an existing but previously untested intervention model. The latter may require a partnership with an anti-doping organization, who will contribute resources to the evaluation component.

### **2. The perception of legitimacy of anti-doping rules and organizations and its effect on athletes' attitudes and buy-in to anti-doping programs**

The concept of legitimacy states that people obey what they consider to be just laws, where the authority introducing and enforcing the laws is perceived to have the right to dictate such laws, and where the laws are perceived to be applied without discrimination, and in a courteous, respectful manner. The anti-doping community needs more information about the relationship between the perception of legitimacy of anti-doping rules and organizations and its effect on athletes' attitudes and buy-in to anti-doping programs. The funded projects will provide practical guidance as to how to increase and maintain athletes' perceived legitimacy of anti-doping organizations and regulations.



### 3. Understanding deterrence measures for athlete support personnel

The anti-doping community seeks research to address the impact and influence athlete support personnel (ASP) have on doping activities. Particular areas of interest include ASP's knowledge, attitudes and behaviours with respect to their self-perceived role in anti-doping education, and their attitudes and behaviours with respect to promoting supplement use, performance enhancing technologies and doping in athletes in their charge. Information is also required as to what might be appropriate and effective deterrence measures for ASP members who are susceptible to encouraging their athletes to dope.

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Partnership and collaboration between research institutions and anti-doping organizations will be looked upon favorably during the decision-making process. Diverse multi-disciplinary research teams across different fields of study including sociology, psychology, law, economics, management science, etc. as part of a robust methodology would also strengthen an application to this program. Extra weighting will also be given to international projects.

Further information regarding the 2017 Program, including the application process, can be found in the "Application Guidelines" available on WADA's Web site ([www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)) and on the welcome page and FAQ section of [WADAGrants](#). Applications will be submitted using the online application system [WADAGrants](#). Please pay close attention to the category you are applying to and the criteria for inclusion.

All projects responding to the terms and conditions of this Call for Proposals will be evaluated by external peer-reviewers, whose recommendations will be reviewed by WADA's Education Committee and its expert group for recommendation to the Agency's Executive Committee. Applicants will be notified of the results at the end of 2016. WADA will only fund projects it deems appropriate.

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