

Call for Proposals

2018 Social Science Research Grant Program

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is calling for proposals for its 2018 Social Science Research Program. WADA invites applications no later than **16 July, 2017 (23:59 GMT)**.

As part of its strategic objectives, WADA has identified both education and research as priorities. A task of WADA's Education Committee is to identify relevant areas of **social science research** in the field of anti-doping to inform more effective doping prevention strategies. WADA supported research requires that anti-doping education programs and initiatives are grounded in scientific knowledge and evidence.

In recent years, proposals have been invited only for specific research topics. However, for the 2018 program, in addition to the below topics, WADA's Education Committee is making an **open call** for proposals.

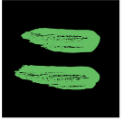
For 2018, in addition to the **open call**, proposals are invited for projects that **specifically** address the following:

- Measuring the effectiveness of existing anti-doping interventions and strategies
- Understanding the experience and role of athlete support personnel in the pursuit of clean sport and doping prevention
- Understanding how athletes and stakeholders view the legitimacy of anti-doping rules and the wider anti-doping system

All applications, regardless of topic, should provide a sound evidence base and rationale for the proposed project, and clearly demonstrate how the results will inform effective doping prevention programs.

Projects that demonstrate partnerships and collaboration between research institutions and anti-doping organizations will be looked upon favorably during the decision-making process. Similarly, the inclusion of multi-disciplinary research teams across different fields of study, including sociology, psychology, law, economics, management science, etc, would also strengthen an application. Extra weighting will be given to international projects.

Further information regarding the 2018 program, including the application process, can be found in the "Application Guidelines" available on WADA's Web site (www.wada-ama.org) and on the welcome page and FAQ section of [WADAGrants](#). Applications must be submitted using the online application system [WADAGrants](#). Applications must be received no later than **16 July, 2017 (23:59 GMT)**.



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 Social Science Research Project Review Panel and the Education Committee for recommendation to the Agency's Executive Committee. Applicants will be notified of the results at the end of 2017. WADA will only fund projects it deems appropriate.

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Rob Koehler
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