



**SAMPLE (Not for Submission)**

## RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

### DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS 15 OCTOBER 2023

Grants are offered through a partnership between IASD and the DreamScience foundation (IASD/DSF)  
<http://www.dreamscience.org/grant-opportunity/>

**Submission Areas** · High quality quantitative and qualitative research proposals are invited in areas related to dreams and dreaming, including but not limited to: the biology or neuroscience of dreaming, phenomenological and psychological studies of dreaming, and such fields as anthropological and cultural studies.

**Special Areas offering Additional Grant Funding** · Note that if you are submitting a grant proposal and identify as a member of a specific ethnic group that has been underrepresented in the field of dream research, you will have the opportunity to also apply for IASD DEI Dream Research Grant support. Additional funds have also been provided this year to promote research related to a greater understanding of PTSD dreams and nightmares, including clinical treatment research.

**Process** · Grants awards are limited by the funds received from donations to dream research, the DreamScience Foundation (DSF), IASD matching and donations to "IASD Diversity." Qualification for full or partial grant awards is based on a rating of research quality by the Research Grant Committee (RGC) of professional researchers then reviews by the IASD Diversity Advisory Committee (DAC) and other sponsors. Research quality rating is based on: a) **value** to dream science and the population served; b) a solid **methodology** and design; and c) **risk** (as associated with ethics review, budget detail and probability of success as proposed). Awards are typically announced in the December time frame and include a scholarship to present the results at an upcoming IASD conference.

**Format:** In order that the form can be submitted, all boxes marked with an asterisk (\*) must be filled (or N/A placed in the box if appropriate) and the text must comply with the maximum word count. DO NOT use all CAPS anywhere except for acronyms where appropriate. Your proposal in this form must stand alone. Although support files can be uploaded in the box provided, they are not desired unless limited to material that directly supports the methodology, such as an important graphic or a copy of a questionnaire to be used.

### **SUBMISSION/SUBMITTER INFORMATION\***

- New Submission
- Re-Submission (Replacing Original)

**Research Study Title \***

**Researcher's Name(s) and Credential Designations** if any (PhD, MA, etc.), affiliation (Institution) and Country of Residence – for all researchers participating in the study. \*

**Study Affiliation:** Institution(s) where the Study is to be Conducted (if private, note that). \*

**Primary Contact Name(s):** for primary submitter and only those you wish to receive notifications. \*

**Email(s):** if more than one separate with a comma. \*

**Telephone Number** (primary contact only) \*

**Brief Bio of Primary Researcher(s) Involved** (no more than 50 words each). \*

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## **NATURE OF RESEARCH**

- Quantitative - findings generally reported and analyzed numerically or statistically, might be used to test or confirm theories and hypotheses to establish generalizable facts about a topic. Includes: controlled experiments, numerically reported observations, surveys with closed-ended questions and such.
- Qualitative - methods, might be aimed at gathering in-depth insights on topics, concepts, thoughts or experiences that are not well explored or understood.
- Mixed Qualitative and Quantitative – for example a Qualitative exploration and information collection whereby the data is Quantitatively analyzed.

## **METHODOLOGY**

**Introductory Summary (300 words max):** Provide a brief introduction and contextual overview of the study as you would like the reviewer to comprehend it. \*

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**Objectives (300 words max):** List the primary Objectives, Hypothesis and/or Claims, or if the study is an open inquiry discuss what question(s) you hope to explore or answer. \*

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**Summary and Nature of Population in the Study (200 words max):** Describe the nature and rationale for the subject groups including: number of subjects, subject grouping, control groups, nature (ex: trauma survivors, a specific ethnic group, students etc.) \*

0/200 words

**Anticipated Results (250 words max):** The nature of what you hope to conclude or discover from this study in relation to the objectives. \*

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**Design (1000 words max):** Provide design detail (surveys, tools, process measures etc) you plan to use to support specific objectives, hypotheses, claims or the question you plan to explore, including how the design addresses the anticipated results. For **Quantitative** Studies methods might include controlled experiments, numerically reported observations, surveys with closed-ended questions and such. These require a description of the specific tools planned for data collection and analysis and how variables are to be limited and controlled as well as measures taken to minimize bias (ex: population sampling and selection bias which can affect generalization of the results). For **Qualitative** Studies: methods might include open inquiry, interviews with open-ended questions, observations described in words, and literature reviews that explore concepts and theories. Such studies also require a description of any particular surveys, tools and details of the approach to be used for collection and analysis as well as measures to minimize bias (ex. population selection, researcher expectation, memory recall, socially desirable response in surveys or interviews). \*

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## **VALUE**

**Value to Dream Science (250 words max):** What do you consider the benefits of the study to be? Discuss the unique value and impact of the study to furthering dream science such as the unique untested or previously unexplored aspects of the study. Also, if it is a replication discuss its unique value in replicating the prior study. \*

0/250 words

**Value to the Subject Population (250 words max):** Discuss the unique value and benefit of this study to the populations being studied and/or those involved in supporting those populations (ex: a specific ethnic group, PTSD or Trauma survivors, social workers and clinicians, etc.) \*

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## **RISK**

Risk involves an assessment of a) reasonability and probability of success as proposed, b) budget clarity and our ability to fund critical elements, c) ethics consideration.

**Requested Grant amount:** a) amount requested; b) total expenses needed to complete the study if different; and c) if additional funds are needed what is the anticipated source and your confidence in receiving it. Note that our grants (historically in the range of \$3000 to \$5000) are limited by the donations received and sometimes are awarded as partial or seed grants which or may or may not cover the full amount requested. \*

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**Budget:** A brief budget listing is requested which describes the planned application of a) for direct expenses critical to the design (material, tools, software, payments to subjects and unique subcontracted or assistant support, etc) and b) indirect expenses (travel, books, space rental, researcher salaries, etc. Note that pre-payment of fees to obtain IRB approval and expenses to present at the IASD conference are not part of the grant. \*

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**Timeframe:** brief timeline when you anticipate the various phases of the study will be completed. \*

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**Ethics and IRB Approval (150 words max):** When live subjects are involved in the study approved consent is not only required from the subjects, but IASD requires the researchers to obtain ethics approval from an IRB (a formal ethics review board), to be considered for a grant. Please indicate whether you a) have IRB or like ethics board approval and from where or b) are planning on obtaining it and from where. Ethics review may not be needed for use of archival material however written consent may be required for copyright or other material which was not approved for general publication or use by others.] \*

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**APPLICATION FOR IASD DEI (DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION) FUNDING SUPPORT (maximum 750 words). Optional or insert N/A if not applicable:** “The intent of this grant is to help diversify the field of dream research by lifting up and amplifying the voices of dream researchers from ethnic groups that have been underrepresented in dream research.” For a further description of this grant opportunity, see the [IASD Dreams & Ethnicity Portal](#). If you wish, your proposal to also qualify for DEI grant funding, follow the instructions below. Once applied for, your proposal will be evaluated based on the grant qualification criteria above and that evaluation and your request will be sent to the IASD Diversity Advisory Committee (DAC) committee for further funding consideration. Please provide the following “short essay prompt” as stated below but including for clarity the information requested in steps 1, 2, 3: In a short essay: 1) Please describe your background and accomplishments, educational and professional goals. 2) Please describe how this dream research grant can help you reach those goals. 3) Please use this section to confirm your identity as a member of an ethnic group that has been underrepresented in dream research (for example, Black, Indigenous, or POC communities in the United States and Canada).

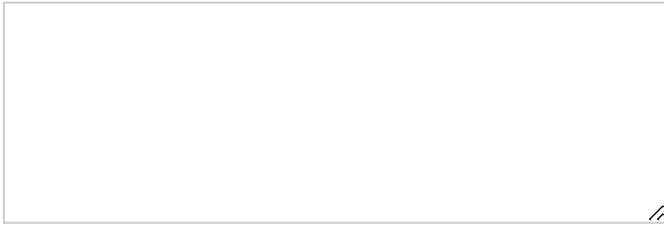
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**REPORTING AND PERMISSION TO PUBLISH:** We plan to announce the receipt of the awards, on both the IASD and DSF web sites as well as in other IASD postings and publications as deemed appropriate. Awardees are also requested to send IASD/DSF a status report (email) when the study is completed – with a brief summary of results compared with objectives (please indicate if you do not wish us to post it on the grant site). Although not a requirement we encourage those receiving a grant to submit the results of the research to one of IASD’s publications (*Journal Dreaming* or *DreamTime*) and/or to present the results at the appropriate IASD Annual conference. The grant award will include one complementary conference fee scholarship, for one presenter, for that purpose (please notify the central office [www.asdreams.org](http://www.asdreams.org) and [robertjhoss@aol.com](mailto:robertjhoss@aol.com) prior to the conference if you take advantage of the complementary fee). Please indicate whether these reporting and publishing conditions are acceptable. \*

- YES
- NO or CONDITIONAL

**COMMENTS or QUESTIONS (150 words max)**

**REFERENCE LISTING (maximum 400 words)\*** Listing of just the key references that support any of the brief reference notations in the sections above. If none insert N/A or other explanation.



**UPLOAD ATTACHMENT HERE** Note: attachments are not required nor requested unless necessary to present the format of a survey or summary data/graphic specifically necessary to demonstrate a key aspect of the methodology or to support a claim or hypothesis. In any case they must be very brief or will likely not be sent on to reviewers.

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