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## Sociology

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### PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Apply to PD 98-1331 as follows:

For full proposals submitted via FastLane: standard [NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide \(/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=papp&WT.z\\_pims\\_id=5369\)](#) proposal preparation guidelines apply.

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## Important Information for Proposers

A revised version of the *NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* (PAPPG) (NSF 17-1), is effective for proposals submitted, or due, on or after January 30, 2017. Please be advised that, depending on the specified due date, the guidelines contained in NSF 17-1 may apply to proposals submitted in response to this funding opportunity.

## DUE DATES

### Full Proposal Target Date

January 16, 2018

January 15, Annually Thereafter

Regular Research

August 15, 2018

August 15, Annually Thereafter

Regular Research

## SYNOPSIS

The Sociology Program supports basic research on all forms of human social organization -- societies, institutions, groups and demography -- and processes of individual and institutional change. The Program encourages theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes. Included is research on organizations and organizational behavior, population dynamics, social movements, social groups, labor force participation, stratification and mobility, family, social networks, socialization, gender roles, and the sociology of science and technology. The Program supports both original data collections and secondary data analysis that use the full range of quantitative and qualitative methodological tools. Theoretically grounded projects that offer methodological innovations and improvements for data collection and analysis are also welcomed. Click here for information on [Strengthening Qualitative Research through Methodological Innovation and Integration](http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/sqrmii.jsp) <<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/sqrmii.jsp>>. The Sociology Program also funds doctoral dissertation research to defray direct costs associated with conducting research, for example, dataset acquisition, additional statistical or methodological training, meeting with scholars associated with original datasets, and fieldwork away from the student's home campus. See the [Sociology Program Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Awards Solicitation](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505118&org=SBE&from=home) <[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=505118&org=SBE&from=home](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505118&org=SBE&from=home)> for more information on this opportunity.

**Please Note:** Principal Investigators should select **PD 98-1331** in the program announcement/solicitation block on the proposal Cover Sheet for submission of regular research projects to the Sociology Program and **NSF 14-604** for submission of Sociology Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement proposals. Projects are evaluated using the two Foundation-wide criteria, intrinsic merit and broader impacts. In assessing the intrinsic merit of proposed research, four components are key to securing support from the Sociology Program: (1) the issues investigated must be theoretically grounded; (2) the research should be based on empirical observation or be subject to empirical validation or illustration; (3) the research design must be appropriate to the questions asked; and (4) the proposed research must advance our understanding of social processes, structures and methods.

The NSF also offers a number of specialized funding opportunities through its crosscutting and cross-directorate activities; some of the Sociology related opportunities are listed below.

### Crosscutting Research & Training Opportunities:

- ADVANCE: Increasing the Participation and Advancement of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Careers
- Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program
- Education & Human Resources Program
- Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) Program
- Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program
- SBE Minority Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (MPRF)
- Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)
- Research at Undergraduate Institutions (RUI)
- Science of Learning Centers (SLC)
- Science and Technology Centers: Integrative Partnerships
- Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program

To get information about these programs and others, please visit the [Cross-cutting and NSF-wide Active Funding Opportunities](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_list.jsp?type=xcut) <[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_list.jsp?type=xcut](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_list.jsp?type=xcut)> homepage.

## RELATED PROGRAMS

[SOCIOLOGY PROGRAM - Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Awards \(/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=505118&org=NSF\)](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505118&org=NSF)

## RELATED URLS

[Future Investments in Large-Scale Survey Data Access and Dissemination Report](http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/Infrastructure_Meeting_Report_04_21_2011_FINAL.pdf)

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[Interdisciplinary Standards for Systematic Qualitative Research <http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/ISSQR\\_workshop\\_rpt.pdf>](http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/ISSQR_workshop_rpt.pdf)

[2007 Workshop on Planning for the Future of the General Social Survey <http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/GSSWorkshopReport2007.pdf>](http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/GSSWorkshopReport2007.pdf)

[American Sociological Association \(/cgi-bin/good-bye?http://www.asanet.org/\)](http://www.asanet.org/)

[Artificial Social Intelligence <http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/works5.jsp>](http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/works5.jsp)

[Democratization <http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/works4.jsp>](http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/works4.jsp)

[Digital Library Initiative \(/cgi-bin/good-bye?http://www.dlib.org/\)](http://www.dlib.org/)

[General Social Survey \(/cgi-bin/good-bye?http://www.gss.norc.org\)](http://www.gss.norc.org)

[Integrated Public Use Microdata Series \(IPUMS\) \(/cgi-bin/good-bye?http://www.ipums.umn.edu/\)](http://www.ipums.umn.edu/)

[Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research \(ICPSR\) \(/cgi-bin/good-bye?http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/\)](http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/)

[Investing in Human Resources <http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/works1.jsp>](http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/works1.jsp)

[NetLab Workshop Report <http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/asi.jsp>](http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/asi.jsp)

[Panel Study of Income Dynamics \(/cgi-bin/good-bye?http://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/\)](http://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/)

[Religion, Democratization, and Market Transition <http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/works3.jsp>](http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/works3.jsp)

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[Workshop on Scientific Foundations of Qualitative Research <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04219/nsf04219.pdf>](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04219/nsf04219.pdf)

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