PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE CROSS-TRAINING FOR CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY RFP INFORMATION SESSION

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CHALLENGES

- Different conceptual schemes across disciplines
- Vast but shifting bases of knowledge
- Different standards of evaluation across disciplines
- Different disciplinary structures and authorities
- Costs of cross-disciplinary engagement
ASPIRATIONS

CRITICAL BUT OPEN-MINDED READERS OF PRIMARY SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

STRONG INTRA- AND CROSS-DISCIPLINARY "SCHOLARLY FRIENDSHIPS"

THEOLOGY-FRIENDLY SCHOLARLY RESOURCES ABOUT PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

FRUITFUL RESEARCH COMMUNITIES IN SCIENCE-ENGAGED THEOLOGY
QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANTS TO CONSIDER

HOW LARGE AN AUDIENCE OF THEOLOGIANS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENTISTS CAN YOU DIRECTLY INVOLVE IN THE PROJECT? HOW WILL YOU RECRUIT THEM?

WHAT SPECIFIC AREAS OR DISCIPLINES WITHIN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE WILL YOUR PROJECT FOCUS ON?

WHAT SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND SCHOLARLY NETWORKS MIGHT YOUR PROJECT INTRODUCE TO THE THEOLOGIANS WE AIM TO REACH?

WHAT WILL YOUR PROJECT DO TO CONVENE AND SUPPORT A RESEARCH COMMUNITY OF THEOLOGIANS DOING THEOLOGY THAT ENGAGES PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE?
JTF’S CURRENT SET INTERESTS

1. How humans think of and engage with divine and other spiritual realities
2. How human nature might be understood in relation to spiritual realities
3. Theological conceptions of character virtue in conversation with the sciences
4. The relationship between spiritual realities and human flourishing
EVALUATING PROPOSALS

HOW GOOD IS THE PROPOSAL’S PLAN TO HELP THEOLOGIANS ACQUIRE FLUENCY IN ENGAGING PRIMARY SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE?

ARE THE PROPOSED PROGRAM ELEMENTS LIKELY TO HELP FORGE INTRA- AND CROSS-DISCIPLINARY "SCHOLARLY FRIENDSHIPS"?

HOW MIGHT THE PROPOSAL RESULT IN RESOURCES FOR THEOLOGIANS THAT HELP THEM LEARN ABOUT AND ENGAGE PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE?

DOES THE PROJECT HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF RESULTING IN A VIBRANT SCHOLARLY COMMUNITY OF THEOLOGIANS ENGAGING WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE?
WHAT DIRECT COSTS ARE ALLOWABLE?

Personnel costs for salary, fellowships, honoraria, benefits, etc.

Costs for meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences, including travel and lodging

Research and teaching materials, e.g., books, articles, journal subscriptions

Costs of collecting or analyzing empirical data
The OFI form only asks for a bottom-line request amount and a brief budget explanation.

“Outputs” refers to activities or deliverables that would be produced during the project.

“Outcomes” refers to hoped-for consequences of the outputs during and after the project.
**CONSTRAINTS ON JTFGRANTS**

Projects to US non-profits generally cannot exceed 36 months in length, though JTF may make an exception for this RFP for grants up to 60 months in length.

Projects to non-US organizations generally cannot exceed 33 months in length, though JTF may make an exception for this RFP for grants up to 57 months in length.

Overheads/indirect costs cannot exceed 15% of direct costs.

A grant’s travel and lodging budget for conferences/workshops generally cannot exceed 10% of the grant amount; employees of the grantee institution are exempt from this rule.

Certain capital expenses cannot be supported on grants to non-US organizations.
Please ask questions of a general nature.

We are unable to give specific feedback on your project idea.
QUESTIONS?

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