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# 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



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

# ASPIRATIONS

# QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANTS TO CONSIDER

HOW LARGE AN AUDIENCE OF THEOLOGIAN 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 THEOLOGIAN WE AIM TO REACH ?

WHAT WILL YOUR PROJECT DO TO CONVENE AND SUPPORT A RESEARCH COMMUNITY OF THEOLOGIAN DOING THEOLOGY THAT ENGAGES PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE?

# JTF'S CURRENT SET INTERESTS



How humans think of and engage with divine and other spiritual realities



How human nature might be understood in relation to spiritual realities



Theological conceptions of character virtue in conversation with the sciences



The relationship between spiritual realities and human flourishing

# EVALUATING PROPOSALS

HOW GOOD IS THE PROPOSAL'S PLAN TO HELP THEOLOGIAN 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 THEOLOGIAN THAT HELP THEM LEARN ABOUT AND ENGAGE PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE?

DOES THE PROJECT HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF RESULTING IN A VIBRANT SCHOLARLY COMMUNITY OF THEOLOGIAN ENGAGING WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE?



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

**WHAT DIRECT COSTS ARE ALLOWABLE?**

# OFI FORM TIPS



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 JTF GRANTS

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.

# INFORMATION SESSION PARAMETERS

# QUESTIONS?

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