


An Introduction to the ASA DDRIG for Students and Advisors

ASA Virtual
Annual
Meeting
Workshop
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Workshop Agenda

- Introductions.
- Overview of the ASA DDRIG application process.
- Panel discussion with successful scholar-sponsor teams.
- Tips on successful proposal writing
- Q and A.



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ASA DDRIG Awards

- Supports theoretically grounded empirical investigations to advance understanding of fundamental social processes.
- 25 grants, up to \$16,000 each.
- ASA membership for 1 year.
- ASA Annual Meeting registration.



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Eligibility

- Doctoral student at institution accredited and having campus in U.S.
- All substantive areas and methods.
- Funds must be used during grant period and before degree is conferred.
- Research Scholar-Research Sponsor Team (at same institution).
- Unsuccessful applicants may reapply.
- Have not received prior NSF-funded or ASA DDRIG.
- Do not need to be member of ASA.



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Timeline

Date	Activity
August	Application available at www.asanet.org/ASADDRIG
November 1, 11:59pmET	Applications due
November-February	Review process
March	Decision notices sent
May 1	Invited R&Rs due
May 1 to December 1	Range of possible start dates
1-2 years later	End date for grants



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How to Apply

Go to the ASA DDRIG website:

<https://www.asanet.org/ASADDRIG>

ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (ASA DDRIG)

Application link

Application deadline: November 1, 2021 (11:59 p.m. EST)

Awards announced: March 2022

[Frequently Asked Questions and Resources](#)

[2021 ASA DDRIG Recipients](#)

- Read Proposal Submission Guidelines
- Access Templates
- FAQs and Resources



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Resources on website

Resources

(We will continue to update this section over time. If you have resources that you think would be helpful to add, please feel free to send them to ddrig@asanet.org.)

Proposal writing

[ASA DDRIG Proposal Checklist](#)

[NSF PAPPG](#)

[The Case for Writing Plainly \(Article\)](#)

Broader impacts

[NSF Broader Impacts framework](#)

[Broader Impacts Improving Society](#)

[Advancing Research Impact in Society \(ARIS\) resources](#)

Data management plans

[NSF's policy on data management](#)

[NSF SBE directorate-wide guidance](#)

[Qualitative Data Sharing: Data Repositories and Academic Libraries as Key Partners in Addressing Challenges](#)

[ICPSR Guidelines for Effective Data Management Plans](#)

[Qualitative Data Repository](#)

[Dataverse](#)

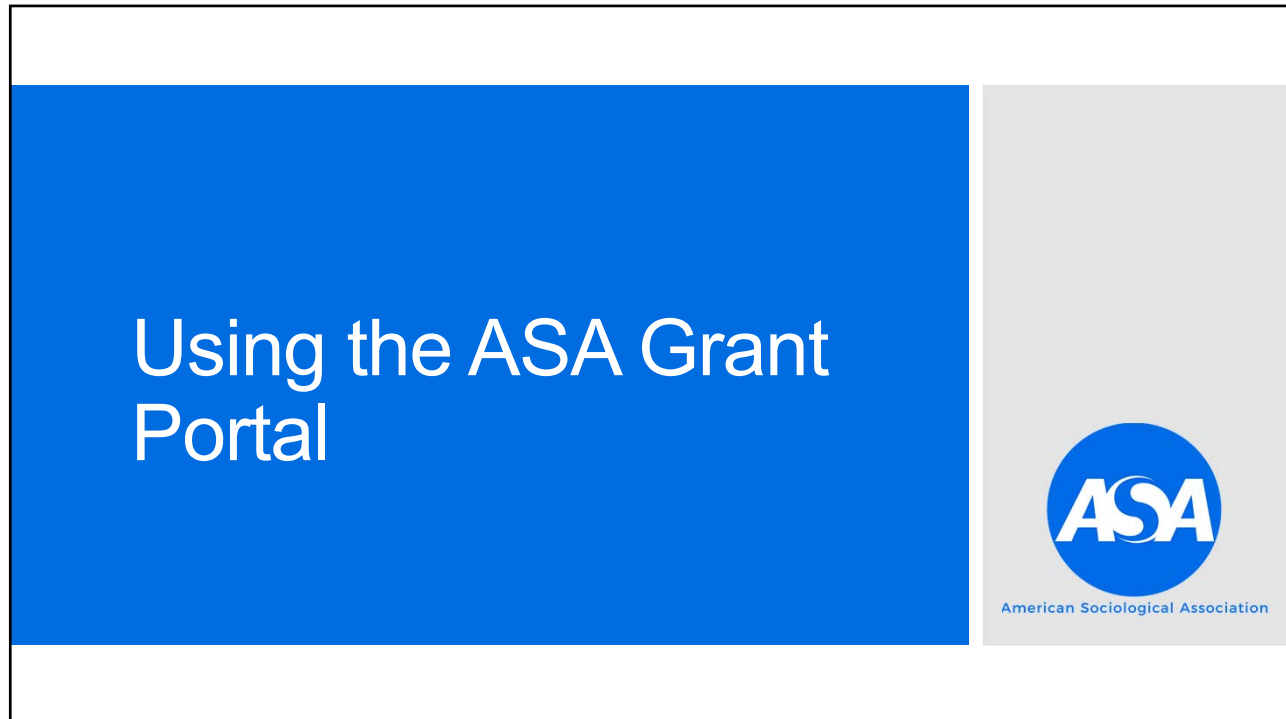
Your university may have its own institutional repository or information on how to share data.

International Standards for living Expenses


[U.S. Department of State](#)

[Fulbright-Hays Program \(pp.52ff\)](#)

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Using the ASA Grant Portal



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Create an account or log on when you are ready to start application

[Log On / Create an Account to Apply](#)

Apply

Quick Search

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- Application deadline is 11:59 pm EST on November 1, 2021.
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- Awards will be disbursed once yearly through the research scholar's graduate institution.

[Preview](#) [Send to GrantHub](#)

You can preview and download Question list

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The Research Scholar should be the one to create an account and apply

If you already have an Account, click the 'Cancel Account Creation' button to go to the Logon page

⚠ Using the browser's back button will delete your registration information.

i This registration process has multiple steps you must complete before you can apply

Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

Account Creation

Please Note: You will not be able to change your institution information once you have completed registration.

Institution Name*	ASA ID Number (If Applicable)
University of State, City or Example University	You don't need to fill this in
Institution Address 1*	Institution Address 2
City*	State*
Postal Code*	Country*

[Next >](#)

User Information

Password

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Email Confirmation

i You will be receiving emails from this system about your request

To ensure you receive emails from this system, we have sent you an email to confirm your account was created successfully. If you do not see an email from *American Sociological Association* <administrator@grantinterface.com>, look in your junk or spam folder. To remove *American Sociological Association* <administrator@grantinterface.com> from your spam filter, use the link below. [Click Here](#) for a tutorial about removing email addresses from spam filters.

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- Email is your unique ID.
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Contact Info Request

Your info now appears at the top

Applicant: Sample Applicant
ddrig@asanet.org
202-247-9847

Organization: ASA

ASA
Washington, DC 20005

Contact Email History Washington, District of Columbia 20005 USA

If your organization information does not appear correct, please contact the funder. Thank you.

Application Question List

Due by 11/01/2021 11:59 PM EDT.

Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

Instructions

NOTE: This Application has been updated. Please be sure to read all the instructions in the ASA DDRIG Proposal Submission Guidelines and use the appropriate templates and formatting.

- To view and print a PDF of the application questions, click the 'Question List' box in the right-hand corner.
- Click on the gray boxes to collapse or expand groups of questions; be sure to complete all **required questions (*)**.
- You may log out and log back in at any time and your information will be saved.
- **All documents must be uploaded as a PDF and adhere to the formatting requirements described in the ASA DDRIG Proposal Submission Guidelines. Failure to comply may lead to a proposal being returned without review.**
- While brief instructions are included in the application, applicants should refer to the detailed Proposal Submission Guidelines on the ASA DDRIG website.
- Additional resources, including an ASA DDRIG Proposal Checklist can be found on the ASA DDRIG FAQs and Resources page. Keep in mind that while these may offer tips on proposal writing, the proposal itself must adhere to the rules and requirements set out in the ASA DDRIG Proposal Guidelines.

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Application Application Packet Question List

Due by 11/01/2021 11:59 PM EDT.
Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

- > **Instructions**
- > Research Scholar
- > Research Sponsor
- > Project Details
- > Biographical Sketches
- > Budget and Related Forms
- > Data Management Plan
- > Departmental Context and Expectations for Collaboration
- > Statements from Outside Collaborators (Optional)
- > Ethics and Human Subjects
- > Demographics
- > Review and Submit

Due by 11/01/2021 11:59 PM EDT.

Abandon Request Save Application **Submit Application**

- Click > to open/close sections
- Enter info into the portal
- Upload pdfs
- Most questions required
- Work will auto save
- Start early!

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Process: ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (Due Nov 1, 2021)

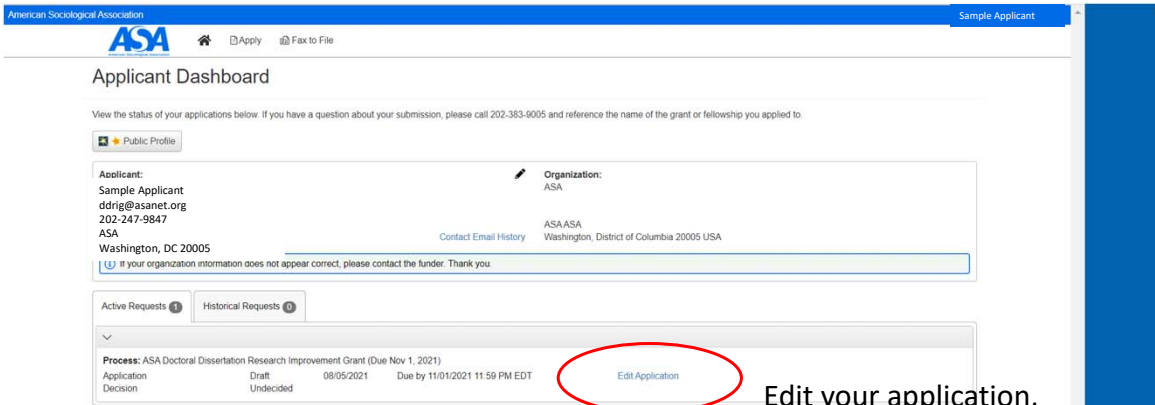
Contact Info **Request**

Applicant: Sample Applicant Organization: ASA

Sample Applicant **Log off or edit profile**

- ASA
- Last Logon: None
- Edit My Profile
- Sign Out

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Sample Applicant

Applicant Dashboard

View the status of your applications below. If you have a question about your submission, please call 202-383-0005 and reference the name of the grant or fellowship you applied to.

Public Profile

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 202-247-9847
 ASA
 Washington, DC 20005

Organization:
 ASA
 ASAASA
 Washington, District of Columbia 20005 USA

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Active Requests 1 Historical Requests 0

Process	Status	Start Date	Due Date	Action
ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (Due Nov 1, 2021)	Draft	08/05/2021	Due by 11/01/2021 11:59 PM EDT	Edit Application
Application Decision	Undecided			

Edit your application, don't create a new one!

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Proposal Components


Research Scholar and Research Sponsor Info

Proposal Details

- Project Title.
- Duration (1 or 2 years)
- Proposed Start Date (between May 1 – Dec 1 next year)
- Proposed End Date (up to 24 months after start date)
- Amount Requested (\$16,000 maximum)
- Primary place of performance
- Substantive Area and Methods
- Project Summary (1 page max, 3 required sections)
- Project Description (10 pages max, include IM and BI)
- Survey Instrument or Interview Guide (optional: 5 pages max)
- References Cited (ASA Format)

Biographical Sketches (2 page maximum, *Template*)


- Research Scholar and Sponsor



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Allowable Budget Expenses	YES	NO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research expenses. ▪ Travel to professional meetings. ▪ Living expenses, including dependent care – in the field or at home institution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Overhead (IDC) costs. ✗ Sponsor-related costs. <p>1 Year ASA Membership and Annual Meeting Registration (included in award).</p>



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Budget and Related Forms	
	<p>Budget Spreadsheet (<i>Required ASA Template</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Include budget for each year of support. ▪ Must be used during grant period and before degree.
	<p>Budget Justification (Max 3 pages)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explain each category and provide details. ▪ Should be appropriate and reasonable. ▪ Use real amounts
	<p>Current and Pending Support (<i>Required ASA Template</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group by current, pending, planned. ▪ Include ASA DDRIG as pending.
	<p>Facilities, Equipment, and Other Resources (Max 2pp)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access to infrastructure. ▪ No \$ amount.



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Formatting Requirement•

- Adhere to all formatting requirements
- Ensures fairness and readability
- We will check for compliance
- Templates are pre-formatted
- See sample document on website
- **Failure to comply with any of formatting requirements may lead to your proposal not being considered!**



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Advice from Successful Scholar-Sponsor Teams

[The following 4 slides are a summary of the panel discussion that took place during the workshop.]



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Prepare

- **Start Early**
 - Put DDRIG (and other grants) on your grad school radar even before you are ready to do your dissertation project.
 - Proposals don't happen overnight: give yourself time for both the writing and administrative pieces.
 - Ideally start in the spring or summer before.
 - Check with your institution's Grants/Office of Sponsored Research for any requirements and deadlines on their end.
 - Ask sponsor for certification letter and biosketch early.
- **Get organized**
 - Create a system that works for you (list, spreadsheet, google drive, etc).
 - Plan backwards from deadline.



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Culture of Feedback

- **Communicate with your advisor/sponsor**
 - Establish a relationship early on
 - Find system that works for you both, for example:
 - Regularly scheduled meetings
 - Agenda in advance of meetings
 - Action item lists with due dates
 - 1-2 page memos
- **Build a feedback support network**
 - Join/create proposal writing groups or classes
 - Find people you trust
 - Get feedback from outside your area
 - www.facultydiversity.org



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Writing

- **Develop clear ideas in short amount of spaces**
 - (3-5 paragraphs, 1 page summary, etc) that can be expanded.
- **Focus your literature review**
 - Identify your relevant concepts/theories
 - Communicate what you're doing that's new in order to identify the relevant literature to include
- **Find 2-4 proposal models**
- **Explain your methods and connect them back to your research questions.**
- **Sell yourself and your project.**
- **Don't make reviewers work too hard**
 - Use fonts and organization that make it easy to read
 - Don't use jargon or acronyms



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Persevere!

- **Go for it!**
 - Apply for lots of grants, smaller ones will help you work towards larger ones even if you don't get the grant.
 - DDRIG process is organic with development of your dissertation proposal.



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Writing a good proposal



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Participant Poll

Which of these questions can you answer about your project right now?

- What question/s are you seeking to answer?
- What is the current state of knowledge in the field?
- What knowledge gap will your research fill?
- What are the overall objectives of your project?
- How will you answer the research question?
- How is your project original and creative?
- What qualifications and support do you have to do it?
- Why is your research important to sociology?

→ **You should be able to answer *all* of these.**



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Intellectual Merit (Scientific Impact)

- Project has the potential to **advance knowledge production in sociology** by expanding on existing theories, filling gaps in knowledge, and or making methodological contributions.

How are you advancing sociology?



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Intellectual Merit

- Identify a clear, interesting, and original question/s.
- Explain your contribution to the literature.
- Provide clear implementation plan.
- Demonstrate understanding of strengths and limitations of the design, methods, analyses.
- Convince reviewers of significance and feasibility.
- Make sure it's technically correct.



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Participant Poll

Which of the following are good examples of Broader Impacts Activities?

- Recruiting undergraduate research assistants
- Designing workshops and courses integrating findings from the research
- Creating a website for K-12 teachers
- Involving participants in collecting data (citizen-science)
- Creating open-sourced archives for community-based organizations
- Writing Op-Eds or other non-academic publications
- Writing policy briefs for relevant organizations

→ **All of the above.**



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Broader Impacts (Societal Impact)

- Project has the **potential to benefit society** and contribute to the achievement of specific, desired societal outcomes.
- May be accomplished through:
 - the research itself,
 - activities that are directly related to the research project,
 - activities that are supported by but are complementary to the project.

How are you contributing to society?

Source: NSF PAPPG II.C.2.D



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Broader Impacts

Science as service

- How well does the proposed activity promote:
 - Teaching, training, and learning?
 - Broadening participation of underrepresented groups?
 - Public scientific literacy or engagement with science?
 - Use of science and technology to impact public policy?
 - Partnerships between academia and industry or organizations?
- What is the public value of your work?
- How will people's lives be improved?
- What actions make these broader impacts more likely?
- How will you communicate with (rather than to) a broader audience?



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Participant Poll

Which of these are good examples of data sharing?

- Results of the research will be disseminated through scholarly publications, conference presentations and invited lectures.
- I will share research tools with any interested researcher by request.
- Meta data related to recruitment protocols will be publicly available on my personal website.
- The interview guide will be included in the index to my dissertation.
- I will share the results of my data through publications and conferences.

→ None of the above in and of themselves allow for discoverability.



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Data Management Plan

- What data and data products will be produced.
 - How data will be managed and maintained during and after the project.
 - Where de-identified data, metadata, or data collection tools will be shared/reposited.
 - Why it is inappropriate or infeasible to share certain data or data-related products.
- Connects to both intellectual merit *and* broader impacts.



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Participant Poll

Which of the following data could a researcher share?

- Interview guide
- De-identified transcripts
- GIS maps
- Demographic profile of participants
- Recruitment materials
- Consent Protocols
- Coding schema/codebooks
- Data sets
- Database of coded reports
- Metadata

→All of the above.

→Evaluate each data source individually to determine shareability.

→Balance Privacy with Replicability.



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Additional DMP Resources shared by panel

- <https://converge.colorado.edu/data/data-management>
- <https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/dmp.jsp>
- https://www.nsf.gov/sbe/reports/Public_Access_NSF_Workshop_Report_Final_Briefs.pdf
- <https://converge.colorado.edu/data/events/publish-your-data/data-ambassadors>



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What makes a good proposal?

- Is it clear?
 - Can a non-specialist understand?
 - Avoid jargon; always define key terms
 - Easily identifiable research question(s) and objectives
 - Proofread, proofread, proofread
 - Get feedback on proposal narrative and budget
- Is it original and important?
 - Intellectual merit.
 - Broader impacts.
- Is it doable?
 - Avoid broad, unsubstantiated claims
 - Provide specific activities
 - Reviewers don't know you
 - Consider these dimensions of feasibility:
 - Money, time, qualifications, connections



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Q & A

- We will respond to Qs in the chat.
- Consult with your office of sponsored research and your sponsor.
- Check out the FAQs and Resources on our website (Proposal Checklist).
- Ask me anything: September 8 @ 2pm EDT (registration link on website)
- Contact ASA DDRIG Staff:
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