

FERRN Small Grant Program, 2019-20

What is it?

The Field Experiment of Religion Research Network (FERRN) is offering three small grants to encourage and support the use of field experiments in the study of religion.

Each grant will be for \$5,000 and will fund some aspect of a field experiment involving religion. This could include laying the groundwork for a new research project, conducting a pilot study, or advancing an existing, ongoing project.

A field experiment requires random assignment of a naturalistic experimental treatment in a naturalistic setting. Some aspect of religion must be incorporated into the research design. This can be done in different ways. For example, religion can be part of the experimental treatment. This would test for the causal impact of religion. Or, religion can be measured as an outcome. This would test for the causal antecedents of religion. Or, religion can be used in the selection of research subjects or research location. This tests religion as a moderating variable.

If you want to learn more about what comprises a field experiment of religion and how to design one, consult the recently published article, "Field Experiments in Religion: A Dream Whose Time Has Come," in the June, 2018 issue of the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

How to apply?

Interested applicants should send a description of their proposed project to bradley.wright@uconn.edu. Please keep it to 3 pages, single-spaced, or less. In it, describe what you plan to do and why it matters. Be clear about how religion fits into the design.

Applications are welcome from graduate students, faculty, and independent researchers in any social science discipline.

Deadlines

August 1, 2019: Evaluation of applications begins

August 15, 2019: Awardees announced

April 1, 2020: Data collection completed and summary report submitted

Questions?

Frequently asked questions are available at bit.ly/2waG9Vm.

Have a new question? Want more information about FERRN? Contact bradley.wright@uconn.edu.

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