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The World Psychiatric Association's Education, Science, Publication, and Research Initiative (ESPRI)

Providing seed funds to projects in Low- and-Middle-Income Countries (LAMIC)

WPA's activities around education, research, science, and publication are the backbone of its mission to advance mental health and psychiatric knowledge and care across the globe. These activities are coordinated at the level of the Executive Committee through the Secretaries for Education, Publications, and Scientific Sections. Acknowledging the wealth of ideas and the will to bring about change, but at the same time lack of funding to adequately do so in Low and Middle Income Countries (LAMIC), the WPA launches ESPRI, a program to provide seed funds to jump start innovative and promising projects in LAMIC.

The WPA EC requests applications from individuals or groups predominately working at an institution in a LAMIC. Applications can cover any topic relevant to WPA's missions and may include proposals for an educational, publication, or research project, or any combination thereof. They should ideally be in line with the 2017-2020 Action plan and be coordinated in close collaboration with any or several of WPA's Scientific Sections. Intersectional efforts and the involvement of early career psychiatrists are highly encouraged.

Each year, the WPA sets aside a sum of USD \$15,000 to be awarded to three projects (\$5k per project). The ESPRI seed funds are meant to be matched by funds the applicants have been able to secure through other national and/or international organisations, including academia, governments, NGOs, and/or industry.

HOW TO APPLY FOR ESPRI SEED FUNDS

Applicants should provide:

- a 1-page proposal outlining their project idea;
- a 2-page CV for each principal investigator (up to a maximum of five/5);
- proof of matching funds (reports/comments from the matching grant bodies should also be submitted, if applicable)
- an endorsement by the Chair of at least one WPA Scientific Section; and
- an approval of a local research ethics committee, if applicable;

The project should be completed within three years starting from the release of the grant.

Yearly reports must be submitted outlining the progress of the study and the extent of funding being used.

Publications based on the research results should acknowledge the funding provided by WPA.

Applications should be sent to: wpasecretariat@wpanet.org

Please include ESPRI APPLICATION in the subject line.