

Request for Proposals for the Sam and Bonnie Rechter Fellowships in Positive Leadership

Fellowship Description

The University of Louisville's Project on Positive Leadership (PPL) is requesting proposals for people to receive \$5,000 grants and become Fellows of the PPL for the 2023 calendar year. The purpose of the grant is for Fellows to conduct research on the topic of positive leadership. Examples of potential uses for the money include, but are not limited to, the purchase of needed materials, paying for research assistants, buying out a course so that there is more time to work on the project. It is expected that a two-page research report with a one-paragraph abstract will be delivered to the Project on Positive Leadership at the end of the year as a result of the fellowship. This report will be included or referenced on the PPL website.

Project Mission

The mission of the PPL is to increase positive leadership in the world.

One of the ways in which we pursue this mission is through sponsoring interdisciplinary research on positive leadership.

Definitions

Positive leadership is an influence process in which (1) at least one person exhibits at least one virtue (such as courage, compassion, integrity, or humility) with more excellence than he or she would have exhibited if he or she had conformed to social expectations; (2) at least one other person feels admiration, elevation, gratitude, or awe, respect, or inspiration in response to that excellence, and (3) they follow by imitating, complying, or building on the first person's excellence. For a more detailed description, [click here](#).

People who occupy leadership positions may engage in positive leadership, but positive leadership is not limited to people who occupy hierarchical positions of authority. We are most interested in research that focuses on people pursuing excellence rather than ethical sufficiency, and leadership as a process that inspires people to follow as opposed to leadership as a position of authority that people occupy.

Who May Apply

This request for proposals is open to all applicants, worldwide. We request that applicants include with their proposal a description of their qualifications for conducting the research they propose.

How to Apply

Please submit a resume or curriculum vita and a written description of your proposed project to rpmart01@louisville.edu by November 1, 2022. The description should be no more than two pages. It should describe

1. The research you propose, including what form you expect the final outcome to take, why it is important, and what methods you intend to use to complete the research;
2. When you expect to complete the research;
3. Why you believe this research will help advance the Project's mission of increasing positive leadership in the world;
4. The likely outlet(s) for publication; and
5. Your qualifications for producing the output you are proposing.

Acceptance of applications will depend on the degree to which the proposed research projects advance the Project's mission, a committee's judgment of the qualifications of the applicant(s) for achieving their proposed goals, and the quality and innovativeness of the research proposed. Please be specific. Vague claims will be viewed less positively than concrete ones.

A committee will review requests and award the fellowships by December 1, 2022. Fellowships will begin January 1, 2023 and will continue throughout the calendar year of 2023.

Questions may be directed to Ramie Martin-Galijatovic at rpmart01@louisville.edu or Ryan Quinn at ryan.quinn@louisville.edu.

Stipulations

It is the expectation of the Project on Positive Leadership that research conducted as part of this fellowship should acknowledge the support of the project and will also be acknowledged on the Project website.