



The World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) mission is to promote, coordinate and monitor the fight against doping in sport in all its forms.

Call for Proposals 2015 Social Science Research Grant Program

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is calling for proposals for its 2015 Social Science Research Program.

One task of WADA's Education Committee is to identify relevant areas of **social science research** in the field of anti-doping and encourage research to inform more efficient doping prevention strategies. As part of its strategic objectives, WADA has identified both education and research as priorities. It is essential that anti-doping education programs and initiatives are based on scientific knowledge and evidence. WADA invites applications for its 2015 Social Science Research Grant Program no later than 10 July 2014.

For the 2015 Program, WADA's Education Committee has identified the following three research topics:

1. Developing intervention models based on up-to-date research findings

Anti-Doping Social Science Research has yielded an important quantity of information which can now be exploited to develop interventions with a high potential of impacting behaviors as a result. WADA is seeking the translation of this research into evidence-based interventions. Special attention will be given to applications which include a partnership with an anti-doping organization, who will contribute to a pilot-test of the intervention, thus allowing subsequent evaluation of the intervention.

2. The perception of legitimacy of anti-doping rules and organizations and its effect on athletes' attitudes and buy-in to anti-doping programs

People obey what they consider to be just laws; laws where the authority introducing and enforcing the laws is perceived to have the right to dictate such behavior. The anti-doping community needs more information about the relationship between the perception of legitimacy of anti-doping's rules and organizations and its effect on athletes' attitudes and buy-in to anti-doping programs. The funded project will provide guidance on ways to use perception of legitimacy for effective prevention programs.

3. Understanding deterrence measures for the athlete entourage

The Athlete entourage has a very important role to play in anti-doping education but, reversely, can be involved in doping activities. The anti-doping community seeks research to address the impact and influence the entourage has on doping activities. Areas of interest can be broken down into three broad categories: protective factors, factors contributing to doping attitudes, behaviour, and influence, and research on effective deterrence measures.

Further information regarding the 2015 Program, including the application process, can be found in the "Application Guidelines" available on WADA's Web site (www.wada-ama.org) and on the welcome page of [WADAGrants](#). Applications will be submitted using the online application system [WADAGrants](#).

All proposals submitted according to the terms and conditions of this Call for Proposals will be evaluated by external peer-reviewers, whose recommendations will be reviewed by WADA's Education Committee and its expert group for recommendation to the Agency's Executive Committee. Applicants will be notified of the results at the end of 2014. WADA will only fund projects it deems appropriate.



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