The UVa Political Psychology Working Group (PPWG) invites proposals for studies of the political psychology of the 2014 election. For 2014, the PPWG has a thematic focus on the intersections of implicit cognition, identity, and politics.

Proposals may be submitted by individuals or teams affiliated with any unit at UVa. Teams may include faculty members and undergraduates, but the primary investigator for each proposal must be a graduate student. We encourage proposals that include members that represent more than one discipline and/or unit. We anticipate awarding five grants of up to $1,100 each.

Proposed studies must involve empirical political psychological research and must have some relevance to the 2014 U.S. election. We are particularly interested in studies that reflect the thematic focus, and explore issues of implicit cognition and/or identity and politics. Beyond those constraints, we encourage diverse and creative proposals.

Award winners will be expected to

- Participate in PPWG activities during 2014–15
- Obtain IRB approval for all data collection
- Complete data collection by January 1, 2015
- Present results at an internal research symposium to be held in the spring (tentatively scheduled for March or April, 2015)

Proposals should include:

- A brief (no more than 2 page) narrative of the research project, that identifies and explains the importance of the question to be addressed, describes the method(s) to be used, identifies key hypotheses, and lays out anticipated results.
- A budget
- Brief (no more than 2 page) CV for each member of the research team

Proposals will be evaluated on the importance of the questions they raise; the suitability of the methods proposed to address those questions; and their relevance to the mission of the PPWG.

Proposals must be submitted by email as a single PDF attachment to Nicholas Winter: nwinter@virginia.edu, by 5pm on April 18, 2014. Awards will be announced in May 2014, and funds will be available immediately thereafter.

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More information about the working group is available on our website: https://pages.shanti.virginia.edu/polpsych

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