



# Society for Research in Child Development

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## **SRCD Strategic Plan Initiative**

### **Request for Proposals: Small Conference or Study Group**

The Society for Research in Child Development issued its first RFP last fall inviting proposals for small conferences or study groups to further the strategic priorities and goals of the Society. The strategic plan of 2005 identifies five goals to guide the Societies' activities across the next several years. In addition to continuing to review benefits and services to members, the strategic plan (which is available at [www.srcd.org](http://www.srcd.org)) lists the following areas for attention:

1. Increase appreciation for the fact that an understanding of development requires the perspectives and methods of multiple disciplines.
2. Increase international perspectives on the study of child development.
3. Increase cultural and contextual diversity in all aspects of the study of child development.
4. Further the relationship between research and policy or the dissemination of research to non-academic audiences

Fifty-four applications were received in response to this first RFP, and 4 were funded. Descriptions of funded projects are available in the July 2008 Newsletter (Volume 51, issue 3). Because of the popularity of this initiative and to further attention to the goals of the strategic plan, the Society is pleased to issue a second request for proposals for study groups and other research planning activities that address the strategic plan. Because most applications received in response to the first RFP emphasized international and multidisciplinary perspectives, proposals focusing on diversity or on policy and communications are especially encouraged.

The size of awards will vary depending on the needs and goals of the conference or study group. As a general guideline, the range of awards will be \$20,000 to \$40,000. Priority will be given to proposals for initiatives for which matching funds will be sought. In addition, priority will be given to initiatives that will result in an intellectual product that will be broadly disseminated. Examples include (but are not limited to) books, edited volumes, and special issues of journals (including Child Development), as well as products designed for broader audiences of policymakers or practitioners. Applicants also may consider dissemination via the Society website, and/or webcasting their proceedings. Priority will also be given to proposals addressing diversity and/or policy/communications, but all topics will be seriously considered. Addressing more than one goal is also desirable.

### **Application Process**

A cover sheet and set of guidelines are attached, as is a budget form. Only applications that use these forms and follow these guidelines will be reviewed. Generally the application should contain a description of the conference or study group, including the background and significance of the problem, the goals of the meeting or working group, and how they fit with those of the Society, as outlined in the Strategic Plan. It should include a list of proposed participants with a description of their expected roles in the initiative, a 1-page CV for each participant, a timeline for completion of the proposed work, and a proposed budget. Budget items may include travel, supplies, secretarial/assistant support and other costs related to the goals of the conference or study group. Indirect Costs are not allowed. Please also describe the plans for securing matching funds and for dissemination of the products of the initiative (e.g., edited volume, special issue), including a description of the proposed audience. Applications are limited to a maximum of 750 words (not including CVs), and should be submitted electronically to Anne Perdue ([aperdue@srcd.org](mailto:aperdue@srcd.org)). The deadline for receipt of applications is March 31, 2009. Funding decisions will be made by June 30, 2009.



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## **RFP COVER SHEET**

### **Section 1 – Applicant Information**

Investigator/Applicant full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution to which grant will be made: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested amount (note: IDC are not allowed): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Matching funds: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost of project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Time period during which funds will be spent: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed product: \_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) of strategic plan being addressed \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section 2 – Application Guidelines**

Attach an application of 750 words or less, addressing the following questions:

1. Brief description of the project, including participants, goals, timeline, feasibility to be done with requested funds
2. How does it contribute to the pursuit of SRCD's strategic plan?
3. Does the project represent new work (e.g. participants have not interacted or met previously, new topic, new approach or methodology to topic)?
4. What product will result and what audience will the product reach? What is its desired and anticipated impact on the field?
5. How does the project contribute to the careers and/or research programs of the participants?
6. What are the prospects for funding from other sources?
7. To what extent is the proposed project the only or best way to achieve the goals of the project?





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## **Budget Justification**

**Travel**

**Lodging**

**Meals**

**Honorarium**

**Room Rental, AV, Supplies**

**Administrative / Support**

**Refreshments (coffee, snacks)**