

Request for Proposals

September 2017

About CASJE

CASJE (Consortium for Applied Studies in Jewish Education) is an evolving community of researchers, practitioners, and philanthropic leaders dedicated to improving the quality of knowledge that can be used to guide the work of Jewish Education. Our aim is to stimulate and support the work of researchers, practitioners, and funders who believe that evidence should drive decision-making in Jewish education. To this end, CASJE helps to develop applied research programs focused on high-priority issues facing Jewish education.

Purpose

As part of its mission to promote research that can make a difference to how Jewish education is practiced, CASJE is awarding up to three grants of \$30,000 each. These grants are intended to stimulate time-concentrated, thematically-focused research, with the promise of application to the practice of Jewish education.

All proposals with potential application to the practice of Jewish education are welcome. CASJE especially encourages proposals in areas of inquiry currently supported by CASJE, including: Jewish educational leadership, Jewish early childhood education, Hebrew language education, and Israel education.

Eligibility

- Principal Investigators (PIs) and at least one of the Co-PIs (if a collaboration is proposed) applying for a research grant must have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field.
- Proposals are accepted from the U.S. and internationally, however all proposals must be submitted in English and budgets must be proposed in U.S. Dollars.

Stipulations

The award will be applied to research activity conducted within a continuous period of 6 months, and completed within 12 months of the award.

The award is for the conduct of empirical research. Conceptual inquiries or literature reviews will not be funded.

Proposals can be submitted by a single individual or by partnerships, such as mentors/mentees, or groups of researchers.

The award may be used towards salary for the researcher, honoraria for outside scholars to advise on the project, for securing course release, or for project-related expenses. It may not be applied to institutional indirect costs.

Mid-way through the grant period, awardees will present a progress report to the CASJE Board of Directors and receive non-binding feedback.

Upon completion of the study:

- Grantees will submit a paper/spotlight/consultation proposal for presentation at the annual Network for Research in Jewish Education conference (travel expenses up to \$500 will be covered by CASJE for participation).
- Grantees will publish a practitioner-oriented blog/article and/or present at a practitioner-oriented conference to engage the field about the project's findings. (If presenting at a practitioner conference, travel expenses up to \$500 will be covered by CASJE.)
- CASJE will make available data generated by awardees for secondary analysis by other researchers.

Within 6 months of completion of the project, awardees will be expected to submit a 500-word report to the CASJE Board about the work conducted, the findings produced, and their significance.

Criteria for the Award

The selection committee, comprised of members of the CASJE Board, will award grants on the basis of the following criteria:

- Significance of research questions
- Appropriateness of research design
- Adequacy of budget and timeline
- Potential of the Principal Investigator(s) to conduct a study of high quality

Application Components

Abstract: A 150-word summary of the proposed study, including the research question, its importance for the practice of Jewish education, and a short description of the project.

Project Description: A 1,500-word description of the project including the following components:

- A description of the project and the central research question(s) and its significance;
- A brief summary of the relevant literature, the relationship of the proposed research to that literature, and the new knowledge expected to result from the proposed research;
- A brief bibliography that will not count toward the word limit;
- A summary of the conceptual framework, research methods, settings, participants, data collection instruments, and modes of analysis that the project will employ;
- A clear identification of the Principal Investigator(s) and a clear definition of the role(s) he/she and any supporting researcher(s) will play; and
- A timeline for the project's milestones and completion.

Budget and Budget Narrative: The grant will not exceed \$30,000. Please provide a project budget including: Salaries, Benefits, Fees/Stipends, Supplies, Transcription, Equipment, Travel, and Sub-contractors' Fees, if relevant.

References: The names and contact information of two individuals who are prepared to serve as references.

CV: A copy of a current CV or resume.

Important Dates

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 6, 2017

GRANT DECISION: December 22, 2017

Contact

Please email info@casje.org with any questions about the RFP.