

## **HaPI Measurement Scholarship**

### **Description**

Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HaPI) is a bibliographic database that contains over 222,000 records providing detailed, comprehensive information about health and psychosocial measurement tools across diverse disciplines and professions. For over three decades, HaPI has been the premier instrument database for behavioral measurement instruments in the fields of medicine, nursing, psychology, public health, social work, counseling, communication, and sociology. The HaPI database is produced by Behavioral Measurement Database Services (BMDS).

BMDS is now inviting applications for a \$500 merit-based HaPI Measurement Scholarship, to be awarded up to twice a year to selected graduate students, to support their master's thesis, dissertation or other research in the health or psychosocial sciences.

Examples of research projects that the scholarship is intended to fund include studies designed to:

- Refine, modify or shorten an existing instrument
- Evaluate the psychometric properties of an instrument
- Translate or adapt an existing instrument for use in a particular culture in which it has not been used before
- Adapt an existing instrument for use in a new setting (e.g., elementary school, outpatient clinic, hospital, community center, nursing home), a new population (e.g., children, the elderly), or for a specific disorder or condition
- Develop an instrument to assess a construct that has not been measured before
- Develop a new measurement method (e.g., a physiological, projective, observational, or behavioral measure)

Any U.S.-based graduate student in the health or psychosocial science fields (e.g., psychology, counseling, sociology, social work, nursing, public health) who is in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year or beyond is eligible to apply for a HaPI Measurement Scholarship. The amount of the award is \$500.00. Up to two awards will be given per year.

Applicants should submit the following:

- A proposal in a single document (not to exceed 5 single-spaced pages, one-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman font) explaining: (a) their academic background and interests; (b) the research project they are planning to conduct including rationale, methods, and potential contributions to theoretical and/or practical issues; (c) how the award would advance completion of the project; and d) a budget listing the proposed expenditures and approximate costs of each (total not to exceed \$500.00);
- Contact information for the student's master's or doctoral thesis advisor or research supervisor;
- A letter of recommendation from the student's faculty advisor or research supervisor commenting on the merits of the applicant and project.

The deadline for submitting applications is December 17, 2021. Applications will be reviewed by BMDS and the awardee will be announced on or before January 14, 2022.

Recipients must submit a final project report to Behavioral Measurement Database Services (BMDS) within 12 months after receiving the award.

All application materials and questions from potential applicants about the scholarship award can be sent to Dr. Linda Perloff, President, at [linda.perloff@bmdshapi.com](mailto:linda.perloff@bmdshapi.com) For more information about the HaPI database, visit us at <https://www.bmdshapi.com/>