Updated Call for Graduate/Postdoctoral Research and Conference Awards (21-22)
P&N has received generous support from the Charles Lafitte Foundation to support innovative research that engages P&N faculty, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, and undergraduate students. Through this support, P&N can offer research grants and conference awards to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

NEW: Support for Research Projects
We anticipate funding a series of small research grants (maximum of $5000 apiece), with the number of awards depending on the amounts requested. We will be adopting the following guidelines for grant applications:

- Projects can be led by a single student/fellow or by a team, but at least one of the students/fellows needs to have a primary appointment in P&N (see eligibility criteria below).
- Grants can be used for most types of expenses associated with research. For example, funds can be requested for expenses associated with running research subjects, for software or for research materials, etc. However, personal laptops will not be supported. Any grant re-budgets will require prior approval. Any in-person subject-running will require the documented approval of the mentor.
- Grants cannot be used to support graduate/postdoctoral stipends or summer funding. They also cannot be used to support travel.
- Projects that have a role for undergraduates (e.g., creating stimulus materials, programming) will be given priority. Applications should include a brief statement describing undergraduate participation and goals.
- Funded grants may start any time after the notice of award and will last until December 31st, 2022. Grants are not renewable; please note that covid extensions will not be possible. Only expenses during the period of award may be charged to the grant.
- Multiple applications per student (as PI of the award) are discouraged.
- Students with current Lafitte research grants must either spend or forfeit those awards before the 2022 award begins.

Submission Information
Applications should be submitted by November 30th, 2021, for full consideration. A completed application should be emailed to PN-grad-grants@duke.edu as a single PDF file that includes:

- **Project Description** (up to 2 pages). The project description should be scholarly but also broadly accessible to other psychological/neuroscience researchers. It should include a project title and a lay-language abstract that would be appropriate for publication on the departmental website (<100 words). The remainder of the project description can be organized/formatted however you see fit (i.e., single spacing is fine). Include a plan for engagement of undergraduates, if appropriate.References do not count in the page limit.
- **Narrative Budget** (up to 1 page). Provide an annotated summary of how funds will be allocated. Request the funds you need; we’d rather make a larger number of smaller awards.
- **Approval of the Mentor.** Include a page with the mentor’s signature or a copy of an email indicating the mentor’s approval. You do not need to include a formal letter of support or anything extensive, with the exception that the mentor must explicitly approve any proposed in-person data collection or in-lab activities for undergraduates.
A. Eligibility
- All graduate students and postdoctoral fellows with primary appointment in P&N can apply for these grants. Postdoctoral fellows appointed through an interdisciplinary unit (e.g., DIBS) are eligible if their main research mentor has a primary appointment in P&N. Students/fellows whose primary appointments are in another department are eligible to apply as part of a research team that includes another student/fellow with primary appointment in P&N. (Note that CNAP students who have not yet declared for P&N are eligible to apply for the research grants if they intend to declare for P&N.)
- Any student with a completed Lafitte grant must have filed their final report to be eligible.

B. Review Criteria and Process
Applications will be reviewed by a committee of P&N faculty members. Key criteria for the grants program will include overall scholarly merit, innovativeness, anticipated impact upon undergraduate research experiences or general experiences at Duke, and feasibility for completion by December 31, 2022. Depending on the number of applications received, priority may be given to applicants have not been awarded funds previously. Final funding decisions will be made by an ad hoc committee comprising representatives from the leadership of P&N and its graduate program.

C. Reporting Requirements
To provide evidence of our stewardship of this philanthropic gift, we will ask the following of recipients:
- Some recipients will be contacted by Communications Specialist Cara August for brief email or interview testimonials about their project (which will be incorporated into an annual report to be distributed to the donors and Duke leadership).
- Each grantee should also submit a one-page final report after its completion. A box folder will be created where awardees can upload this report as well as photos and other deliverables (e.g., a pdf of a conference poster or publication resulting from the grant).
- All publications resulting from Grant funding should acknowledge the support of the “Charles Lafitte Foundation Program in Psychological Research at Duke University.”

Note that all Grant funds are intended to be expended during the period of support and cannot carry over to future years. So, we encourage people to request the funds they need for their project and to use those funds responsibly during the year of the Grant – not reserving any funds for carry-over. Unused funds will need to be returned to the Grant pool at the end of the funding period.

D. Questions/Inquiries
Questions about eligibility and projects may be directed to Elizabeth Marsh at emarsh@psych.duke.edu. If you have specific questions about the logistics of applying, please contact Staff Assistant Christian Jones at christian.jones@duke.edu.