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**SOURCE OF FUNDING:** The American College Counseling Association (ACCA) announces two research award opportunities for the 2009-2010 year.

1. **\$5000:** This funded research is designed to recognize and honor individuals who are seeking to complete a comprehensive research study. The Funded Research Award provides a cash award of up to \$5000.00.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this financial support is to fund research efforts supporting research related to college counseling practices.

2. **\$1000:** This funded research is designed to recognize and honor individuals who are seeking to complete a comprehensive research study. The Funded Research Award provides a cash award of up to \$1000.00. These investigations include counseling at community, vocational, and technical institutions as well as colleges and universities.

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

The submission deadline for the Research Proposals and supporting material is due no later than **August 3, 2010**.

**WHO MAY APPLY:**

The competition is open to professional and student members of the American College Counseling Association (ACCA). Practitioners as well as students are encouraged to apply.

Individuals may submit, or be a part of a submission team, for only one proposal. Multiple submissions by any researcher, individually or as a part of a multiple research team, will not be accepted.

**PROPOSAL FORMAT:**

1) **Application Form:** Included in this packet is an Application Form that is to be signed and attached to the proposal.

2) **Supporting Letter:** Student(s) submitting a proposal must include a supporting letter from a faculty sponsor.

3) **Research Proposal:** **Not to exceed 5 typed pages**, not including application form and bibliography. **All proposals are to strictly adhere to APA format i.e.: page number, margins, double spacing, etc.**

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**Research Proposal** should cover the following areas:

- A. **Statement of Need:** Summary of relevant data or other evidence supporting need for the study.
- B. **Background Review:** Review of selected pertinent research germane to the topic as specified in the purpose of the award (i.e., \$5000 or \$1000 award).
- C. **Research Design and Analysis:** Description of the research design and data analysis.
- D. **Dissemination of Results:** Review of how the results of the research will be disseminated (i.e., conference presentation, journal article, etc.)
- E. **Detailed Budget:** Included in Application Form. A **detailed budget of all expenses** is required. Examples of expenses might include the following: researchers' salaries, statistical consultant, compensation for research participants, web services, supplies, copying of materials, salaries for graduate students' assistance, travel expenses, etc.

**CRITERIA:** Research proposals will be evaluated by a panel of ACCA reviewers against the following criteria:

- 1) **Appropriateness of the Research:** The appropriateness of the research specific to the purpose of the specific financial support requested (i.e., \$1000 Grant or \$5000 Funded Research).
- 2) **Quality of the Proposed Research:** The required documentation of the 5 areas listed above should be thorough and informative. The methodology proposed follows accepted practice for research of that kind, and the research, as a whole, adheres to applicable ethical standards for research with human subjects.
- 3) **Financial Need:** The budget for the research project seems sound given the nature and scope of the proposed project, and any existing funding of the project must be disclosed. Research projects without other funding may be awarded more points based on this criteria. A **detailed budget of all expenses** is required.
- 4) **Plans for Dissemination:** The researcher(s) offers a feasible and time appropriate plan for dissemination of the results. The ACCA research committee understands that decisions concerning the acceptance for publication and/or presentation of results are made by other organizations. The research committee is interested in where and how the grant recipient plans to submit results. The researcher will submit manuscripts derived from their research to the *Journal of College Counseling* and/or propose for the ACCA conference.

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5) **Award Recognition:** Grants will be awarded during the ACCA Awards Luncheon at the ACCA Conference in October 2010. The recipient of the funded research is strongly encouraged to be present to accept the award at the ACCA national conference at which the researcher will be recognized.

**TIMELINES AND REPORTING RESULTS:**

Each of the grant recipients are expected to keep the research committee informed if there is a delay in the proposed timeline and reporting of results.

A brief copy of the results is to be mailed to the research committee once the research is complete. The researcher retains ownership of all data and results of their research. The researcher is to state a willingness to include an acknowledgment of ACCA's financial support in all reports, publications, and presentations related to the supported project.

**NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS:**

All applicants will be notified of the selection committee's funding decisions following the ACCA Brunch & Business meeting at the ACCA Convention.

**Proposals are to be submitted electronically by email attachment to:**

Carolyn Kern, PhD, LPC, NCC

940-565-2917

[carolyn.kern@unt.edu](mailto:carolyn.kern@unt.edu)

**Requests for further information should be directed to:**

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Submit electronically (email to: [carolyn.kern@unt.edu](mailto:carolyn.kern@unt.edu)) to:  
Carolyn Kern, PhD, LPC, NCC  
University of North Texas  
Denton, TX

**Application Deadline: Aug. 3, 2010**

Researcher(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

University or College: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty \_\_\_\_\_ Center Director \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Student's Faculty Support information (if applicable, same as above for faculty)

**Note:** Co-Researcher(s) Information (if applicable, same as above for each co-researcher)

**CHOOSE SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Please check the research award you are applying for (i.e., \$1000 Grant or \$5000 Funded Research).

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PRIMARY RESEARCHER ACCA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Your ACCA Membership Number is **required** for your proposal to be considered.)*

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TITLE OF PROPOSED RESEARCH: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

\_\_\_\_\_ listserv \_\_\_\_\_ conference \_\_\_\_\_ colleague \_\_\_\_\_ other

APPROXIMATE TIMELINE of RESEARCH: Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BUDGET (please describe each item in **detail** – If needed, one additional page is allowed:

Advertisement		=	_____
Clerical support	_____ hrs X _____ per hour	=	_____
Compensation for			
Participants	_____	=	_____
Conference Expenses	_____	=	_____
Copying/Printing	_____ # of Copies _____ Cost per copy	=	_____
Postage	_____	=	_____
Salaries			
Researcher(s)	_____	=	_____
Graduate Student(s)	_____	=	_____
Statistical Consultant	_____	=	_____
Supplies	_____		
	_____		
	_____		
	Subtotal Supplies	=	_____
Telephone	_____	=	_____
Travel	_____	=	_____
Web Services	_____	=	_____
Writing Consultant	_____	=	_____
Other	_____	=	_____
	Sub-Total:		_____
	Subtract any other funding you have received:		_____
	Financial Support Request – Total:		_____

THANK YOU