# Lessons Learned: Applying to Grants from Scholarly and Professional Organizations and Beyond

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# Roadmap

- My Experience
- Benefits & Rationales
- Strategies for Applying
- Lessons Learned for Larger Grants





# My Experience

- American Educational Research Association (AERA)
  - Study for Deeper Learning Fellowship (\$25,000)
  - Minority Dissertation Fellowship (\$13,000)
- American Psychological Association (APA)
  - Division 15 Early Career Grant (\$6,000)
  - Esther Katz Rosen Fellowship (\$25,000)

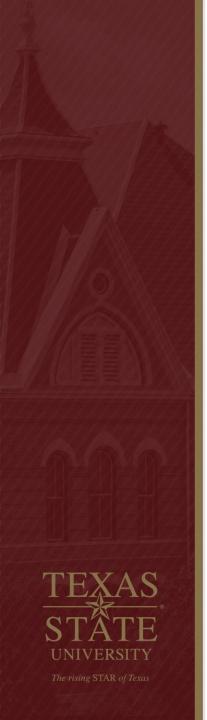




### **Benefits & Rationales**

- Tend to be less competitive
- Shorter and less complex proposals
- Supportive of early career researchers
- Include professional development opportunities
- ❖ No IDCs... ☺





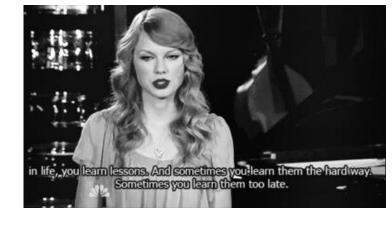
# **Strategies**



- Leverage insights about the organization to craft your proposal
- Compared to some foundations, the review panels are exclusively researchers – take advantage of that!
- Do not be overly ambitious in light of smaller budgets and timeframes
- ❖ Incorporate aspects of the organization in your proposal: sponsored journals, conferences, other initiatives, etc.



## **Lessons Learned**



- Grants from scholarly organizations are great training grounds
  - Insights into clear, persuasive grant writing
  - How to stretch a dollar
  - Logistics of putting everything together
- These contribute to grant experiences which can be viewed favorably (especially for more early career researchers)
- These can serve as pilot grants for applying to a larger grant



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