

## NOTICES

### **Invitation for Proposals** **Yew-Kwang Ng (黄有光) Fund For Survival Research**

The Society for Psychical Research (SPR) Yew-Kwang Ng (黄有光) Fund for Survival Research supports scientific research into the fundamental question of whether some aspect of consciousness or personality survives the death of the body. It supports projects that aim to generate new evidence for survival, that collate, analyse, and/or disseminate relevant evidence, that draw on such evidence for theory development, or that generate frameworks for relevant theory building. Of particular interest are projects that stimulate thinking and debate about the kinds of research that could potentially shed light on the survival question. With a focus on the truth (or otherwise) of survival claims, the fund is unlikely to support research into psychological or sociological aspects of belief in survival.

The Survival Research Committee would like to invite proposals for projects that address the priorities of the fund. Typical awards are of the order of £5,000 to £10,000 and are unlikely to exceed £15,000. The annual submission deadline is 1 June, except for applications for less than £1,000, which may be considered at any time. Proposals should be no more than three pages, outlining the project's tasks, cost breakdown, outputs, strategic premise, and relevance to the aims of the fund. The proposer should demonstrate familiarity with relevant methods in survival research and should place the proposed work in the context of prior research. Investigators' CVs and the names of two referees should be included. Proposals should be addressed to the Chairman of the SRC at the Society's address. More details are available at <https://www.spr.ac.uk/research/funding-research>.

Successful applicants are encouraged to publish their findings in the Society's journal (i.e., *JSPR*) and, where possible, make their research data available to the public. Ideally, the SPR's repository Psi Open Data (<https://open-data.spr.ac.uk>) should be used for this purpose. Additionally, the SPR encourages researchers to preregister their study. We recommend using the KPU Study Registry (<https://koestlerunit.wordpress.com/study-registry/>).

## **Research Grants**

The Society for Psychical Research (SPR) possesses a modest research fund, the proceeds of which are available to support research in any generally recognized area of psychical research, except those specifically related to survival. Survival-related applications should be directed to the Yew-Kwang Ng (黃有光) Fund for Survival Research. Applications are considered and grants awarded by the Society's Research Grants Committee (RGC), and applications should be sent to the RGC, c/o the Society's Secretary. Applications will be considered on an annual basis, with the deadline for receipt of proposals being 1 June of each year. Application forms can be obtained from the SPR Secretary or online via the Society's website.

Applications should include a description of the proposed research, including its rationale and hypotheses/anticipated outcomes; a general description of the methodology; costing of the research (i.e., the amount being requested should be itemised against specific costs); a short CV; and the names of two referees. Normally, grants do not exceed £8,000. If the research is being funded by multiple sources, specific information should be provided about the source of other funding, the amount being received and information about what aspects of the proposed research other funding is covering. Details of the research being proposed, its rationale and methodology should ideally not exceed 1,500 words.

Usually, an applicant/co-applicant will only be awarded funding for one research project per annum. It is also a condition of the grants that a report of the completed research is sent to the RGC, c/o the Society's secretary. No further awards will be made to an individual until reports have been received for any previous grants obtained from the RGC.

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