



ANNOUNCEMENT #1

Small Research Grants

AREA: Youth / Young Adults

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The NAD's Office of Strategic Planning and Assessment (SP&A) would like to fund small research grants on various aspects of church life in the North American Division. Grants typically range between \$2,000 and \$5,000 although higher and lower grants amounts may be considered based on project scope.

Funding is open to university faculty, graduate and advanced undergraduate students as well as researchers in non-academic settings. Grants are based upon the NAD's research interests.

Examples of topics of interest

- Can Church doctrines be presented in an intellectually honest way that engages the interests, passion, and involvement of Millennials? Are there programs, resources, and materials on church beliefs with a track record of positive impact?
- What could a content analysis of public Facebook pages yield regarding the interests of youth and how they may be reached with messages of hope and wholeness?
- "The teaching of the Bible should have our freshest thought, our best methods, and our most earnest effort" Ed, p. 186. And yet, research indicates the Bible is one of the least favorite school subjects. Why? Are there exceptions? If so, what are some effective Bible classes?
- It is difficult to engage youth in small churches, research points out. But is this universally true? Are there small churches that have been successful in actively involving youth?
- Is there empirical evidence of the essential components of a successful campus ministries program? What are they? To what extent can they be replicated?
- What happens to youth between the ages of 14 and 20 that causes so many of them to become less active in the local church congregation? What can stem the tide?
- How successful are short-term training programs for youth in witnessing, health evangelism, and similar topics? How beneficial and sustainable are such programs?

If you're interested, send us a topic proposal that includes:

- A paragraph indicating your name and level of research experience and other scholars available to assist you on this project; also indicate if you've ever done research on this topic.
- A fairly detailed paragraph stating what topic above you'd like to investigate and why. Indicate what research questions you'd like to answer.
- A paragraph indicating any other research you've found that relates to your topic of interest
- A paragraph indicating your proposed research and sampling methods for answering your research questions; also indicate how you would collect and analyze your data.
- A paragraph explaining how you would assure that your research is accurate (valid, reliable).

E-MAIL topic proposal and contact information to Meredith.Carter@nad.adventist.org by April 15, 2014.

