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## Advanced Olympic Research Grant Programme

Objectives, rules and  
guidelines

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## 1. OBJECTIVE

The main objective of The Olympic Studies Centre (OSC) grant programme is to promote advanced research with a humanities or social sciences perspective by established researchers in priority fields of research identified annually by the IOC.

> For the 2019/2020 edition, the priority fields of research are as follows:

1. Psychological and emotional health of elite-level athletes after retirement: Awareness, intervention and prevention programmes to protect the athletes.
2. The ethical, legal and social implications of performance-enhancing technologies such as gene-editing tools (e.g. CRISPR), neuro-enhancing tools on the future of athletic performance and athletes' safety.
3. Olympic legacy evaluation – Examining legacies using empirical, data-driven approaches. Priority will be given to studies looking at under-researched Olympic Games editions: Summer Games held in the period 1972–2004 and Winter Games held in the period 1968-2006 and to Olympic candidatures.
4. Intangible Olympic legacies – Examining the long-term changes initiated by hosting the Olympic Games or the Youth Olympic Games in terms of: a) skills, knowledge and networks; b) policy and governance; and c) intellectual property. The studies should be empirical and look at Olympic Games editions, Youth Olympic Games editions or Olympic candidatures with at least four years of “test of time” (i.e. editions from 2014 or before).
5. Promoting Olympic legacies – Examining how tangible and intangible Olympic legacies are promoted and celebrated during the years/decades following the hosting of the Games.
6. Olympic cities: the role and involvement of the NOCs in host countries in supporting the delivery and promoting the legacy of the Games, and in particular sports practice at local level. Comparison between various Olympic cities to include the more recent ones.
7. Public perception of the IOC's role and reputation – Examining the public's understanding and knowledge of the IOC's role in society since the 1980s using empirical and data-driven approaches - Analysis and comparison between countries on different continents.
8. To what extent is sport, the Olympic Games and/or the Youth Olympic Games perceived as a means for positive impact on society among the young generation? - Analysis and comparison between countries on different continents.
9. Sports ethics and integrity education – Analysis of effective means and methods to ensure that the ethics and integrity rules and principles established by the Olympic Movement are effectively conveyed and applied in sports governing bodies.

10. Sport for development – Worldwide, continental or regional analysis, inside and outside the Olympic Movement, of the main players (in terms of funding, organisation and implementation), types of partnerships, activities and outcomes.
11. Esports: Support offered by the games publishers and the national esports federations / associations to the players' careers from grassroots to professional level.

A secondary objective of this programme is to encourage the applicants to consult collections of the OSC, when they bring added value to the research.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

All university professors, lecturers and research fellows who have completed their doctorate and who currently hold an academic/research appointment/affiliation covering the period of the grant (from submission of the application to delivery of the final report) are eligible to apply.

Applicants must submit a proposal directly linked to at least one of the priority fields of research listed above. Research projects will only be accepted if the applicants clearly demonstrate that the results will be relevant to the current situation of the priority field concerned. Applications dealing with medical sciences will not be accepted.

Other eligibility criteria to be fulfilled are as follows:

- Applicants must be fluent in either French or English.
- Applicants may submit a proposal with the same research subject on only two occasions. However, on the second occasion, they must clearly explain how it differs from and improves the first proposal.
- Applicants may apply on an individual or collective basis. In the second case, all research group members have to fulfil all the eligibility criteria. In addition, one member of the group should be nominated as the coordinator and remain the main contact person for the OSC. Interdisciplinary and intercultural collective applications are encouraged.

These eligibility criteria will be strictly applied.

### 3. APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE

Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted in either French or English, the two official languages of the Olympic Movement.

Completed application files must include the following documents:

1. The **official application form** duly completed.

The form is available through the [OSC website](#) or from the OSC [upon written request](#). Please note that [instructions for completing the Research Grant Programmes application forms](#) are available on our website.

2. **Official and actual recognition of employment** including the academic/research status validated by the applicant's/applicants' university(ies) on the institutional letterhead (*Appendix 1*).
3. In the event of a **collective application**, a **brief curriculum vitae** (maximum 2 pages per member), providing basic information about education, former and current academic responsibilities and employment history of the member(s) collaborating with the coordinator on the project (*Appendix 2*).
4. If the applicant's/applicants' research proposal involves **interviews, surveys** or any other **methodologies that involve human subjects**, a certificate stating that the project has been reviewed and approved by the **university's ethics committee** should be provided (*Appendix 3*).

The deadline for submitting applications (which may only be sent [via this portal](#)) is **1 February 2019**. After the deadline, incomplete or new applications will not be accepted. A candidature acceptance confirmation e-mail will be sent at the latest one week after the application is received.

## 4. GRANT AWARDS

Successful applicants will receive a research grant of a maximum of USD 20,000 per project. The total amount to be awarded will be decided by the Grant Programme Selection Committee after having analysed all the elements of the application.

### EXPENSES PERMITTED

Research expenses directly related and essential to the project as follows:

- Travel (economy class) and living expenses when outside the applicant's place of residence;
- Translation costs for relevant research materials;
- Other relevant research expenditures.

Research assistance will be funded when essential and properly justified. Details of the number of days and tasks to be performed at a daily rate must be provided.

Expenses regarding participation at conferences where applicants are presenting results of this research must not exceed 10 per cent of the total budget within a limit of USD 1,000.

### EXPENSES NOT PERMITTED

- Salary and/or fringe benefits, including insurance;
- Tuition and study fees;
- Institutional overheads or institutional support;
- Expenses incurred prior to the effective date of the grant;
- Purchase of technological material (laptop, camera, etc.).

The grant will be paid through the academic institution of the successful applicant (coordinator) according to the following schedule: one-half when awarded, one-quarter after an intermediate progress report and one-quarter on receipt of the final research report.

## 5. SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

The Grant Programme Selection Committee is composed of experts who are internationally renowned for their involvement in Olympic studies, and of OSC representatives. The IOC administration and a selection of peer reviewers are also involved in the selection process. Decisions are based upon the quality of the application file, the significance of the proposed research to at least one of the priority fields of research, the feasibility of the project and the candidate's/candidates' ability to carry out the research satisfactorily.

The same criteria will be taken into consideration by the OSC to determine the maximum number of grants available each year.

Applicants will be notified of **the results of their application by 7 June 2019**.

To find a detailed description of the evaluation and selection process and the pool of Peer-reviewers who have contributed to the programme in the past, please consult [our website](#).

## 6. PUBLICATIONS AND UNDERTAKINGS

All grants are conditional upon the signature of the "Research Project Agreement" ("The Agreement") by the successful applicant's, or the coordinator in the event of collective applications,) and his/her university. The Agreement describes the terms and conditions of the collaboration between the grant holder, his/her university and The Olympic Studies Centre. Applicants, or coordinators in the event of collective applications, are requested to read the Agreement ([available here](#)) and inform his/her university about its terms before submitting an application.

Grant holders will have to schedule at least one visit to the IOC headquarters in Lausanne at the beginning of the research in order to meet the IOC staff involved in the project. For those planning to consult the OSC collections, it is highly recommended that they combine in a single trip to Lausanne their meeting with the IOC staff and their visit to the OSC. In the event of a collective application, only the coordinator will be required to travel to Lausanne. The OSC will schedule their visits in consultation with them.

Grant holders will undertake to provide the OSC with the following documents (electronic version), in either French or English:

- A **progress report** six months after notification of the award, describing the project's development (2,000 words maximum).
- A **final research report** before mid-June 2020. The final report, which may be used by the OSC for publication, will be made up of three documents with the following content:
  1. First document (approx. 50 – 60 pages):
    - An abstract (200 words maximum) and a list of key words;
    - An executive summary including a short description of the research topic and objectives and highlighting the main findings, conclusions and, if appropriate, recommendations; (approx. 1,200 – 2,000 words);
    - The report including the research topic and objectives; the methodology applied; and a detailed presentation of the findings, conclusions and, if appropriate, recommendations of the research project;
    - The annexes, including any additional information of interest for the project;
  2. Second document:
    - A PowerPoint or infographic presentation summarising the objectives, methodology and findings of the research project.
  3. Third document:
    - A financial accounting report for all funds provided by the OSC. This last part must be sent in a separate document (template to be provided by the OSC).

Grant holders will undertake to publish/disseminate their research results within the academic world. They will also undertake to ensure that all subsequent publications or productions, using all or part of the results obtained under the auspices of the research grant, will appropriately acknowledge the IOC Olympic Studies Centre and the Advanced Olympic Research Grant Programme. In addition, they will share with the OSC any such publications or productions.

## 7. SECRETARIAT

For any additional information concerning the Advanced Olympic Research Grant Programme, please contact the OSC [via email](#) or phone (+41 21 621 6611).

To find out more about the activities and collections of **The Olympic Studies Centre**, please consult [our website](#).



## 8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### SELECTION COMMITTEE

For the 2018/2019 Advanced Olympic Research Grant Programme, The Olympic Studies Centre received 24 candidatures and awarded 7 grants. The Selection Committee, responsible for recommending the projects to be awarded to the OSC, was composed of the following experts:

- Marion KEIM LEES (University of the Western Cape, South Africa)
- Sigmund LOLAND (Norwegian School of Sport Sciences, Norway)
- Ana Maria MIRAGAYA (Universidade Estácio de Sá, Brazil)
- Benoît SEGUIN (University of Ottawa, Canada)
- Tracy TAYLOR (University of Technology Sydney, Australia)
- Cesar TORRES (State University of New York, United States) and
- Thierry ZINTZ (Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium).

This committee has taken in consideration the assessments provided by a selection of peer reviewers and the relevant IOC departments.

### RESEARCH SUBJECTS OF THE 2017/2018 AND 2018/2019 GRANT HOLDERS

- **A multinational, multi-study examination of social media use, strategy and experience in Olympic and Paralympic sport: Toward the development of social media good practice advice for athletes, sports organisations and the media**  
Chris WAGSTAFF (University of Portsmouth – Great Britain) and Elsa KRISTIANSEN (University College of Southeast - Norway)
- **Benchmarking the Buenos Aires 2018 Athletes' perspective for a longitudinal analysis of Youth Olympic Games Athlete experience and learning**  
Milena PARENT, Eric MACINTOSCH, Diane CULVER (University of Ottawa – Canada) and Michael NARAINÉ (Deakin University – Australia)
- **Building a sport participation legacy through the 2018 Winter Olympic Games: Negotiation of motives and constraints for younger generations to watch and play sports**  
Jeeyoon KIM (Syracuse University – USA), Joon-Ho KANG and Yu-Kyoum KIM (Seoul National University – Republic of Korea)

- **CARE Project: Athlete on-line educational programme. Coach-Athlete Relationship Empowerment Project**  
Sophia JOWETT, Chris HARWOOD and Svenja WACHSMUT (Loughborough University – UK)
- **Collaborations between NOCs and public authorities: Mapping the field and identifying good practices**  
Henk Erik MEIER (Münster University - Germany)
- **Cost and knowledge valuation of prospective environmental legacy initiatives for LA 2028**  
Timothy KELLISON (Georgia State University - USA) and Brian McCULLOUGH (Seattle University - USA)
- **Fostering social entrepreneurship in deprived host city communities: Introducing the "Youth Social Entrepreneurship (YSE) legacy Framework"**  
Lynn MARTIN (Anglia Ruskin University – Great Britain) and Michael DUIGNAN (Coventry University – Great Britain)
- **Intangible Olympic legacies: Concept, method and measurement**  
Vassil GIRGINOV (Brunel University – Great Britain) and Holger PREUSS (Johannes Gutenberg University – Germany)
- **Investigating the efficacy of digital technology for elite athlete development and support from athlete, coach and support team perspectives**  
Aimee MEARS (Loughborough University – Great Britain)
- **Mobile Olympic media across three continents: Replacing or enhancing Olympic Television?**  
Andrew BILLINGS and Kenon A. BROWN (The University of Alabama – USA), Michael B. DEVLIN (Texas State University – USA) and Natalie B. DEVLIN (University of Texas – USA)
- **Self-compassion as a fundamental deterrent to using performance enhancing drugs**  
Nikolaos CHATZISARANTIS and Martin HAGGER (Curtin University – Australia)
- **The development and evaluation of training modules for dual career support providers (DCSPs): a European pilot**  
Paul WYLLEMAN (Vrije Universiteit Brussel – Belgium), Natalia STAMBULOVA (Halmstad University – Sweden), Miquel TORREGROSSA (Autonomous University Barcelona – Spain) and Nicolette SCHIPPER-VAN VELDHOVEN (Windesheim University – The Netherlands)
- **The impact of positive and negative female sports role models on the young girls' sport participation in different European contexts**  
Nicolas DELORME and Diana-Luiza DUMITRIU (University of Bordeaux – France)
- **The role of involvement with sport and the Olympic values: The perceived impacts of Youth Olympic Games – The cases of Lillehammer and Lausanne**  
Kyriaki KAPLANIDOU (University of Florida – USA) and Dikaia CHATZIEFSTATHIOU (Canterbury Christ Church University – UK)