

REQUEST FOR A VISITING SCHOLAR or RESEARCHER
SUBMIT TO OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS HAB 801



School/Department/Program: _____ PSYCHOLOGY/LAS _____

Requesting Chair: _____ Giordana Grossi _____

Name of Visiting Scholar/Researcher Applicant: _____

Duration of Requested Affiliation: Beginning Date _____ 9/1/25 _____ **Ending Date** _____ 9/1/26 _____

Title of Proposed Project: An Evolutionary Perspective on Success and Failure

Has this applicant been a Visiting Scholar/Researcher here at New Paltz before? _____ yes _____ ☒ no

If yes, please indicate the department with which the Scholar was affiliated, the title of the project and the dates s/he was in residence:

PROCESS:

(NOTE: Submission of a request for a Visiting Scholar/Researcher does not mean it is automatically approved. The status of your request, whether approved or denied, will be confirmed in writing.)

Please attach the following:

- o Summary of the proposed project
- o Timeline for the project, including completion date
- o Vitae of the applicant
- o Copy of current passport and valid US visa, if applicable.
- o Summary of external funding (if relevant)
- o Brief memo of support from Chair/Director specifically noting the reason(s) for the proposed affiliation and how the proposed project would be of value to the department, school and/or the college
- o Brief memo of support from Dean
- o Completed Staff Appointment Request Form to initiate Appointment Letter

The Provost will review only completed applications and will, upon appropriate consultation, forward their recommendation for approval or denial to the President.

- A. **Summary of Project**
- B. **Timeline:**
 - Data Analysis first draft by 10/1/25**
 - Data Analysis finalized by 11/1/25**
 - Rough draft of Results section 12/1/25**
 - Finalized Results section 1/1/26**
 - Draft 1 of full manuscript 2/1/26**
 - Draft 2 of full manuscript 4/1/26**
 - Final draft of manuscript 5/1/26**
 - Submit to journal for publication 5/15/26**
 - Write draft of proposal for a follow-up study 6/15/26**
 - Finalize draft of proposal for follow-up 7/15/26**
 - Potentially revise-and-resubmit primary manuscript 8/25/26**
- C. Vitae of the applicant
- D. Copy of current passport and valid US visa, if applicable.
- E. Summary of external funding (if relevant); N/A
- F. Brief memo of support from Chair/Director specifically noting the reason(s) for the proposed affiliation and how the proposed project would be of value to the department, school and/or the college

Maya recently graduated with top grades as a Psych major and honors student (she received the campuswide award for student excellence in psychology). While here as an undergraduate student, she led a small team that implemented a project focusing on the nature of perceived successes and failure in life. A framework based on Positive Evolutionary Psychology, focusing on the evolutionary benefits of resilience, was employed. She found significant and positive relationships between markers of success and failure (thus providing evidence that failure potentially begets success). This work was presented at the 19th meeting of the NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society in Atlantic City in June 2025. The next steps outlined above pertain to conducting a more comprehensive data analysis and writing the paper up for submission and ultimately publication at an academic journal. She will also design a follow-up study as part of this work.

Glenn Geher, Processor of Psychology--Faculty Sponsor

(get letter from Dr. Grossi too and add here

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