

PSA John Templeton Foundation Grant Info Sheet

Basic Information

Grant Title: Examining the Big Questions in Big Samples: Using the Psychological Science Accelerator to investigate JTF priorities

Project Leads: Chris Chartier and Charlie Ebersole

Host Institution: Ashland University

Timeline: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025

Budget: \$977,068

Activities in the Grant

The PSA will, over the grant period, conduct four studies related to the research priorities of the John Templeton Foundation (these are listed in the section Special Call for Studies in the [grant proposal](#)). These projects will be selected through a PSA-owned call for studies and will receive funding from the grant to facilitate data collection. We plan to launch two studies in 2022 and the remaining two in 2023.

What the PSA Receives

The main goal of this grant, from the PSA's perspective, was to secure dedicated funding for PSA members as well as funding for data collection labs. For the duration of this grant, the PSA will hire 3 full-time positions (through Ashland) for the 3-year life of the grant:

- Research Scientist
- Postdoctoral Researcher
- Post-baccalaureate Researcher

These positions will begin July 1, 2022. We will begin the hiring process later in 2021. If you have any questions about these positions, please contact Chris (via Slack or at cchartie@ashland.edu).

In addition, this grant contains \$160,000 for data collection and Ashland University has agreed to reinvest a substantial portion of the ~\$100,000 in indirect funds back into the PSA.

Grant Documents

[Grant proposal](#)

[Approved budget](#)

[Description of budget items](#)

Grant Rationale

As many of you know, the PSA has struggled to receive large grants to support our operations. One of the common barriers we've encountered is that funders are often hesitant to fund our work without knowing the specific studies we will be conducting. However, outsourcing study selection and participation directly to a funder would go against our workflow and values. This partnership with the John Templeton Foundation is meant to strike a balance between these competing interests. While we will be limiting the scope of eligible studies for this project to certain topics, the PSA will retain autonomy over which projects it selects.