



# Gratitude to God

## Requests for Proposals

### Gratitude to God: Psychological, Philosophical, and Theological Investigations

Biola University, with the help of a very generous grant from The John Templeton Foundation and under the direction of Peter Hill and Robert Emmons, welcomes proposals from various disciplines to investigate questions that concern Gratitude to God (GTG).

We anticipate proposals for empirical and non-empirical projects that address one or more of the questions listed below.

1. What is the basic structure of gratitude to God and how can we advance our understanding of the differences between gratitude to God and gratitude to others?
2. Why and how do people express gratitude to God or fail to?
3. How is cosmic gratitude an alternative to gratitude to God?
4. What functions does gratitude to God serve?

Proposals may be for projects that utilize the methodologies of the behavioral sciences, philosophy, theology, or religious studies. Empirical projects may be multi-method, qualitative, theoretical, cross-cultural, employ behavioral measures, or incorporate developmental approaches (though none of these are required). For the empirical projects, experimental methodologies are encouraged.

\*\*For the sake of this proposal and the anticipated projects we hope it generates, we are using the term "God" to encompass the supreme God of monotheistic traditions, as well as other supernatural or superhuman beings with agency and powers (gods, spirits, ghosts, saints).

### AWARD DETAILS

#### Empirical:

- Regular grants up to \$250,000 (2 year duration)
- Early career grants up to \$25,000 (1 year duration)

#### Non-empirical:

- Regular grants up to \$100,000 (2 year duration)
- Early career grants up to \$15,000 (1 year duration)

### KEY DATES

January 15, 2020

Letters of intent are due

March 1, 2020

Invitations to submit full proposals issued

April 30, 2020

Full proposals due

July 1, 2020

Final award decisions issued

September 1- November 1, 2020

Projects Start

August 31-October 31, 2022

Projects End



For more information on the project and application process,  
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