**THE NCIS DAVID SONENSCHEIN AWARD**

This award was created in to honor the memory of our much-missed colleague, sociologist David Sonenschein, and his enduring dedication to supporting and mentoring independent scholars, especially in the early stages of their careers. The Sonenschein Award therefore focuses on education and upskilling (Continuing Professional Development) for researchers and covers courses, workshops, seminars and certificate programs, including online offerings, given by a University (credentialed) or other recognized research association.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

* **For membership and eligibility requirements**, see the main NCIS Grants page (https://www.ncis.org/grants)
* **Upskilling and training** must reflect the applicant’s current or intended *scholarly work* within a *recognized field of scholarship*.
* **Eligible upskilling and training** may comprise one or more of the following, to be held either online or in person:
  + Training courses
  + Continuing Professional Development
  + Workshops
  + Seminars
  + Certificated programs

*NOTE: If this list does not include your intended outsourced service, please ask for guidance at grants@ncis.org.*

* **Dissemination:** Grantees are expected to inform us of the progress of the stated upskilling/training, how satisfactory the course was, what it has brought to their research/professional lives, and their plans to build on this.
* **Grantees are required to cite NCIS support** of their venture.

***NOTE: Applicants are requested to update their full CV on their NCIS Member Profile.***

**REQUIRED INFORMATION**

1. **MEMBER ELIGIBILITY CHECK (see main NCIS Grants page)**
2. **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

First name, last name, email address, postal address, telephone number

1. **Professional information**
2. Résumé or brief curriculum vitae (CV) of your relevant experience and qualifications

*Limit: 2 pages 12 pt Arial, one-inch margins, single-spaced; approx. 1,000 words; 64 MB*

1. List of your non-NCIS professional / scholarly affiliations (past and present)
2. **INFORMATION ABOUT INTENDED COURSE/PROGRAM**
3. Details of your intended course/program
4. What you feel it will bring to your research/professional life.
5. Name of credentialed university or other recognized research association.
6. **YOUR FUTURE PLANS ONCE THIS TRAINING/CERTIFICATION IS COMPLETE**
7. **budget and Other grant support**
   1. **Itemized budget.**

List your anticipated expenses. Point-form or tabular format is preferred

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* 1. **Other sources of grant support, if any**

If your project has other grant funding, please indicate the amount, source of funds, and expenses covered. If you do not have any other grant support, enter “NONE”.

**IMPORTANT GUIDELINES**

*Grants are paid to the recipient only, by PayPal (preferred)*, *or by check to a U.S.-based account. We will require a receipt to demonstrate that you have registered for the course, and proof of attendance and completion.*

* Send to: [Grants@ncis.org](mailto:grants@ncis.org) AND [Treasurer@ncis.org](mailto:Treasurer@ncis.org).

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

* Clarity of expression and / or argument
* Intellectual significance / Contribution to your own academic/professional development

**POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS**

*NOTE: Grantees are expected to remain members in good standing for at least one year following NCIS-supported research work.*

As a grantee you are required to:

* ***List “National Coalition of Independent Scholars”*** as your affiliation (or co-affiliation) in any resulting publications.
* ***Add membership in NCIS*** to your professional CV.
* ***Place NCIS brochures*** on event literature tables. Download brochures here [link].
* ***Acknowledge NCIS*** for its grant support in any subsequent publications, event-related proceedings, or other disseminated materials or products.
* ***Submit a short summary of the realization of your training course*** to grants@ncis.org and info@ncis.org. In accepting the grant, you agree that your report may appear on NCIS website and / or social media, and be published in *The Independent Scholar* (as item on NCIS grantees), or in any other NCIS publication, digital or print.

**NB: IN THE APPLICATION FORM**, you will be asked to upload separate files for each of the following:

* Your own CV/Resumé.
* Details of the proposed course(s)
* Budget

**QUESTIONS?**

Please direct questions to grants@ncis.org.

[**APPLY HERE**](https://www.ncis.org/sites/default/files/DAVID%20SONENSCHEIN%20AWARD%20Application%20form_14Jan2023.docx)