

**Eli A. Wolff Memorial Fund for Disability Sport**  
**Call for Funding Proposals**  
**2024 NASSS Conference**  
**Doubletree**  
**Application Due Date: August 16, 2024**  
*Award Amount: \$2,000 USD*

**Description**

Eli A. Wolff was a force for good. As an activist and a champion for justice, he gave much of his life to the promotion of equitable opportunity and inclusion in sport, particularly for people with disabilities. He served as an advocate and educator to the public, as well as to his academic community. Eli was a Paralympian, a scholar, and an agent for social change.

When we lost Eli, we lost one of our greatest leaders.

To honor Eli's memory, his family, in collaboration with the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS), created an endowed memorial fund called the Eli A. Wolff Memorial Fund for Disability Sport (the "Fund"). The purpose of this initial call for proposals is to provide support for research grants for graduate students in disability sport.

In addition to promoting a broad understanding of disability sport, and advancing disability in new and significant ways in other fields or in complementary ways with other topics, the following are additional funding priorities:

- Education or awareness
- Access, inclusion, equality, and respect
- Intersectionality
- Sport for development
- Policy and Advocacy
- Action research and its variants, such as community-based or participatory research

Contributions to the Fund can be made at: <https://nasss.org/awards/eliwolff/>

**Submission must be submitted via the link below:**

[https://qualtricsxmshj3x84dr.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eEgyzwwgcmgmpJ8G](https://qualtricsxmshj3x84dr.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eEgyzwwgcmgmpJ8G)

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## **Eligibility**

1. Any NASSS member in good standing is eligible (i.e., at the time of application submission).
2. The primary recipient of this award may only receive funding once every three years.
3. Preference will be given to individuals from historically underpowered or underprivileged groups, particularly people with disabilities.
4. Current NASSS Board of Directors are ineligible for funding.
5. An applicant who has won this award previously for scholarship will not be eligible (i.e., scholarship award may only be won once in a lifetime).
6. Student may be part- or full-time at any accredited university in the world recognized by its country's standards.
7. The applicant may win each award once, once for research funding and once for advocacy or scholarship funding.
8. Preference will be given to undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and early career faculty who advance disability sport.

## **Application**

Application for research funding.

1. Primary Investigator name, affiliation, title, and rank (if applicable), demographic/social identity status as identified by the applicant.
2. Title
3. Specific Aims (limited to 150 words)
  - a. Aims should be focused on disability sport, and disability sport should not be tacked on as part of a larger study or study that is primarily outside of disability sport.
1. Background, Relevant Literature, & Significance/Need (limited to 400 words)
2. Research Design and Methods (limited to 300 words)
- a. Mention of IRB approval or application readiness for IRB
  1. Curriculum Vitae and bio for Primary Investigator (limited to two pages, single-spaced, 12-point font, and should include academic degrees, positions held, awards, publications, presentations, and other information relevant to the current proposal)
  2. Budget (limited to 1 page; a spreadsheet with annotations is acceptable)
    - a. Applicants may pay themselves for time to work on the project; however, the appropriateness of using the funds in such a way will be considered within the overall merit of the proposal.
    - b. This grant does not pay any indirect cost to the scholar's institution.
1. Timeline (limited to 1 page; an image with annotations is acceptable)
- a. Include submission of abstract (approximately May) to NASSS member conference and presenting at the conference in November.
  1. Application should follow APA format where applicable.
  2. Faculty Advisor/Mentor letter of recommendation

### **Obligations**

1. The recipient must submit a summary of progress of 300 words or less within 1 month upon the end of the funding period or upon completion of the project and a budget if funds are used for research or advocacy. The report will be shared with the Fund oversight committee at NASSS and the Wolff Family.
2. After receiving the award, the recipient must present research or an article at the next NASSS annual conference.
3. Any creations (i.e., products, services, deliverables, presentations, articles, reports) from the use of these funds shall acknowledge, "Support for this work provided by the Eli A. Wolff Memorial Fund for Disability Sport, which is administered by the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS)."
4. Recipient should immediately communicate any adverse effects or material changes or requests with the Fund oversight committee at NASSS.
5. If recipient is unable to complete the project, funds must be immediately returned to NASSS and the Eli A. Wolff Memorial Fund for Disability Sport.

### **Review & Award**

1. The Eli A. Wolff Memorial Fund for Disability Sport Standing Committee will announce the winner(s) of the award and read a brief portion of the proposal and bio of the primary investigator at the Business Meeting of the NASSS annual member conference.
2. Fund recipients will have one calendar year to complete the project.
3. Recipient must present research or article at the next NASSS annual conference following receipt of award.
4. If the project cannot be completed within one year, the recipient should immediately notify the committee and request an extension. The extension should acknowledge the status of the project and provide a new timeline.
5. The winner will be contacted by September 13, 2024.