

Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Policy for Accessing SPSP Membership for Survey Research
Approved by the SPSP Executive Committee September 1, 2020

SPSP values the contribution of research for social and personality psychology, and the support this research offers to our members and the field. We also value the privacy of our members. The SPSP will not share our membership list for the purpose of research (or any other business). SPSP does recognize the effort to support the growth and expansion of the profession. Members may request SPSP to send a survey out on their behalf if the survey is deemed to be of value to our community of members and related to professional practices.

The process for approval is:

- Requests to circulate a survey to Society members must be made in writing to the Executive Director (director@spsp.org).
- Surveyors must provide
 - A brief description of the survey, its purpose and how the results will be reported.
 - A copy of the survey.
 - A description of the audience to be surveyed and how the SPSP membership will benefit from the results.
- Permission to distribute the survey to the members requires majority approval by the Executive Committee.
- Society staff will determine how and when to distribute the survey.

The guidelines are:

- The Society reserves the right to refuse to circulate any survey.
- The survey must be deemed to be of value to the community that the Society serves (e.g. professional norms and hiring practices in academia, resources needed for social/personality psychologists given new norms about best practices).
- No more than one survey each quarter will be circulated to members.
- The Society will not develop or edit the survey instrument, provide email lists, analyze, or report on results.
- The survey will be distributed through the Society's e-mail system on a basic text template that cannot be customized in any way.
- The survey organizer will receive one draft e-mail for review prior to survey distribution.
- No financial incentives should be given to encourage survey responses.
- All of the information collected will be made available in a convenient form, for free, to the Society. At its discretion, the Society may share the results with its members.
- The Society's participation in distribution does not constitute an endorsement of the survey or the results.
- The following text must be included in the survey email: "The survey included in this message is not an SPSP-produced survey. It has been approved by the SPSP Executive Committee for distribution."