***Instructions:*** *Use this template to provide your Research Proposal, Statement of Readiness, Contribution to Diversity, and Budget Justification.*

*When you have completed all components included in this template, save it as a PDF with your full name replacing “[Full Name]” in the file name and upload it via the application survey along with your Budget, CV, and Letter(s) of Collaboration.*

*Note: Your budget should be uploaded separately using the provided spreadsheet template. Additional details about the remaining pieces of your application, including the Letter of Collaboration, Advisor Consent, and Project Mentor Statement can be found in the RFP announcement on our website:* [*https://www.theloveconsortium.org/rfp-science-of-love*](https://www.theloveconsortium.org/rfp-science-of-love)

***Research Proposal****: Describe your proposed research project in 1500 words or less, using the box below. References as well as up to one Table or Figure may be included beyond the 1500-word limit.*

*Your proposal should address:*

* 1. *The gap in understanding and theoretical justification for the investigation*
  2. *The hypothesis/hypotheses or research question(s)*
  3. *Proposed methods and analysis plan*
  4. *Statement of contribution to research on love*
  5. *Statement of anticipated consequences of these activities (e.g., manuscript submission, conference presentation, future collaborations, consequences for this area of research, for the public, etc.)*

*Note: To reduce biases in the review process, this portion of your application will be reviewed via masked review. As such, we ask that you please* ***DO NOT*** *include any identifying information within the body of your research proposal.*

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***Statement of Readiness****: Describe your readiness to conduct this particular research project in 200 words or less, using the box below. This statement might include details about your prior experience conducting similar research in the past, any supporting statistical or methodological skills you possess, or other relevant knowledge.*

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***Contribution to Diversity****: The Love Consortium is committed to promoting diversity in the science of social connection. For example, this includes promoting trainees and scholarship from people with historically under-represented backgrounds, studying human experience in people from a wide range of backgrounds, studying social connection across a range of relationship types, and even in the theories and methods brought to bear on a given research question.*

*In 200 words or less, please describe how your proposed project will help advance diversity in the science of social connection, using the box below.*

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***Budget and Budget Justification:***

*Grants will be awarded for up to $10,000 USD in direct costs. Among other uses, funds may be used for a summer stipend for the applicant if they do not have another source of funding; for supplies and services to conduct biological assays on stored specimens; for software to conduct behavioral coding on existing video records; for registration fees or costs associated with statistical methods workshops or academic conferences; and, where safe, to cover costs for the trainee to travel to live/work on site for research activities or to travel to workshops or academic conferences. Given the existing data, use of funds for participant payment will rarely be justified, but exceptions may be made, such as a planned conceptual replication of a key idea that can't be replicated in another existing dataset. Funds may not be used to pay faculty salaries.*

*You may also request a maximum of 5% for your university's indirect/F&A costs, beyond the direct costs mentioned above. We encourage universities to waive indirect costs if possible.*

*Please use the separate* ***budget spreadsheet template*** *to list the items and associated costs for which you would like to use the requested funds. Justification for each of the items should be provided in the box below, matching each line in the spreadsheet.*

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