

Proposal Procedures

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) welcomes research that will enhance the understanding of issues facing college women and broaden the body of knowledge about this population.

Proposals from master's, doctoral and post-doctoral researchers wishing to study this population, specifically undergraduate members of NPC sororities/ fraternities, are invited to submit their projects to the NPC Research Committee.

Criteria and Requirements

1. Research proposal: researcher's position with relation to research topic; purpose and goals of research; benefits to stakeholders
2. Methodology to be used, including limitation
3. Predicted benefits of research
4. Verification of internal review board or human subject review approval
5. Informed consent document (subjects able to withdraw) verification
6. Confidentiality statement
7. Instrument(s) to be used
8. Script (oral survey), if applicable
9. Compensation details, if offered
10. Research results assimilation

Timeline for Approval

If all criteria are submitted with the original proposal, the timeline for review and response normally is no longer than three weeks.

Areas of Interest

The research projects below are of interest to the National Panhellenic Conference. The NPC Research Committee welcomes inquiries by researchers about these topics as well as other projects involving students who are members of NPC women's fraternities.

What factors contribute to low/high membership recruitment numbers for college women?

- What are parents' perceptions of sororities and fraternities?
- What are the differences between attrition/retention rates of sorority members and nonmembers?
- How do students' personal and fraternal values influence choices and behaviors regarding alcohol?
- Does fraternity/sorority membership for undergraduates affect success later in life?
- Are alcohol education programs helpful, and do they make a difference in alcohol consumption among undergraduate sorority women?
- What are the behavioral influences of college women and men? Do they influence each other? In what ways?
- Do active mentoring programs reduce adverse behaviors among members of Greek letter organizations?