

# Jesse DePaolo, MS, BCBA, PhD Candidate

Jesse DePaolo received scholarship funds from the ABA Graduate Student Assistance Fund in 2020. She shares below how the funds helped with her dissertation research.



## JESSE'S RESEARCH

“ My research is mainly focused on ABA in health, fitness, and sports. During my athletic career, I found that punishment was used too often as a way to attempt and change the behavior of athletes. I am hoping to conduct studies that help coaches and others involved in sports see that reinforcement works better than punishment! ”

## JESSE'S USE OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

“ The scholarship allowed for me to be able to travel to other universities and conduct research related to ABA and sports. It assisted with an evaluation of reinforcement with athletes. ”

## WHAT JESSE SAYS ABOUT THE USF ABA PHD PROGRAM:

“ The ABA program has helped me become the student, researcher, and instructor that I am today. The program encourages you to follow your passions in regard to research because the faculty have such a wide range of expertise and are there to assist you run research in any area that interests you. Additionally, the program was exceptional in helping teach and then guide me into finding myself as an instructor and helping me realize how to navigate teaching students at different levels and across different platforms (undergraduate students, graduate students, online, in person, etc.). ”



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