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The Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity (CRGE)

**2019-2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS:
ADVANCED DOCTORAL STUDENT DISSERTATION GRANTS**

Cultivating Emerging Qualitative/Mixed Methods Scholars

Submission Deadline: November 8, 2019

A PROPOSAL PREPARATION WORKSHOP will be held on Friday, October 18, 2019 from 1:00-2:00 p.m., Room 1137 in Cole Student Activities Building to assist prospective applicants in preparing competitive proposals. Please RSVP for this workshop to Wendy Hall at hallw@umd.edu by Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

We are pleased to announce the fourth round of a dissertation grant program for advanced doctoral students who are engaged in research using qualitative or mixed (qualitative and quantitative) methods. Applicants who have successfully passed their dissertation proposals, have completed data collection, are preparing for data analysis, or are in the writing stages of the dissertation are eligible. Emphasis is placed on dissertations that explore the intersections of race, gender, class, ethnicity and other dimensions of structural inequalities as they shape the construction of complex social relations.

Program:

This seed grant provides \$500-\$2,500 for doctoral candidates to fund qualitative data analysis costs for dissertations that primarily use qualitative research methods (including: participant-observation, in-depth interviews, focus groups, life histories, or ethnographies with human subjects) or mixed qualitative and quantitative methods. The investigator may request funds for research equipment (e.g., recorders), transcription, data analysis software such as NVivo or Atlas TI, data analysis training (e.g., NVivo workshop), a qualitative program consultant, or editor. Travel for data collection and participant incentives will **not** be funded. These funds are intended to assist participants with data analyses and completion of dissertation.

Eligibility:

Applicants must:

- Be advanced doctoral candidates.
- Have successfully defended the dissertation proposal by Dec. 21, 2019.

- Conduct a dissertation where the *primary* focus of the data collection is on the meaning of events in the lives of study participants (i.e., an interpretative approach) rather than collecting only data that measure the frequency of events (i.e., a survey approach).
- Complete the CITI training in Social/Behavioral research with human subjects.
- Have secured prior Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for dissertation study.
- Be committed to the goals and mission of CRGE. Awardee must be willing and able to present the results of their scholarship at a panel during the following academic year and provide acknowledgements of this award in their dissertation and all future publications.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a proposal for a dissertation that is intersectional in its approach (i.e., examining how one or more dimensions of structural inequality affects the lived experiences of individuals or groups).

Application Requirements:

The grant application consists of:

1. An abstract of 150 words or less.
2. A brief description of the dissertation study, no longer than five (5) pages in length (with a 12-point font). It should be addressed to “non-specialists.”
3. A justified budget that proposes funding of a sum between \$500 and \$2,500. Award amounts will depend on the number and quality of grants approved. Funds may be used for direct research costs related to qualitative data analysis. Please provide a clear budget justification. What is money being used for and why?
4. Timeline for completing and defending the dissertation.
5. **Letter of support from dissertation chair, confirming the approval of the dissertation proposal and the completion of the collection of data.**
6. Current CV.
7. Current IRB approval letter for the dissertation project.
8. A copy of your CITI Human Subjects Research Training completion report.

Application Preparation Guidelines:

It is important that submissions offer a clear roadmap of analytic research strategies or plan of analyses to complete data analyses. The executive committee understands, of course, that qualitative research is emergent. However, it is reasonable for you to give the committee a sense of the contours of your dissertation including who, what, when, where, and how you conducted and collected data for the dissertation research. The areas below serve as a guide in proposal preparation:

1. Explain the intellectual question you plan to engage. Briefly summarize current knowledge in the field, based on a review of the literature.
2. Explain why this question is important. What are the intellectual debates in your field that are relevant to this proposed study? Offer a thorough description of the intellectual context of your study.
3. Briefly summarize the innovative aspects of the dissertation study.
4. Clearly define the participant sample, data collection procedures, and analytic processes of your study.

5. Did you experience any difficulties with data collection? Explain to the committee how you addressed them.
6. Identify your long-term career goals after completing the dissertation. Please identify expected publications from dissertation.

Optional: If you wish, you may attach a one-to-three page (maximum) appendix, which offers additional details of the dissertation, or other supplemental details. No preliminary data are required for this proposal but may be included as an appendix if available.

Submitting the Application:

Please submit an application with a cover sheet containing your name, department, mailing address, email address, phone number, and the title of your dissertation. Also, include the abstract (150 words or less) on the cover sheet. As noted above, the complete application package consists of the abstract, a five-page proposal, justified budget, timeline, letter of support, current CV, current IRB approval letter for the dissertation project, and a copy of your CITI human subject research training completion report. For questions, contact Wendy Hall, at 301-405-1651 or hallw@umd.edu.

Please deliver one hard copy of your application and e-mail one electronic copy of your application by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2019 to:

Ms. Wendy Hall
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See www.cрге.umd.edu for more information.
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Review Process:

The Executive Committee of the Qualitative Research Interest Group will review proposals. Reviewers will provide an impact score on the overall quality of the proposal as well as the potential of the research to lead to preliminary data for inclusion in a submission of a proposal for external funding.

Post-Award Requirements:

Awardees are expected to submit a brief report (4-5 pages) by the end of the fall 2020. The report should summarize their completed dissertation research, including activities completed, study results and planned publications, and a budget report on use of funds. Grant recipients are also expected to make a presentation on their research to the QRIG group, interested faculty, and students within one year of receiving funding.

Timeline:

Awards will be announced in December 2019. Research activities can be planned for the spring, summer, or fall 2020. Funds will be disbursed by February 28, 2020, after IRB approval has been submitted.

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| Announce QRIG Dissertation Grant | September 16, 2019 |
| Qualitative Methods Proposal Workshop | October 18, 2019 1:00 -2:00 pm Room 1137, Cole Student Activities Building |
| Proposals Due | November 8, 2019 |
| Announce QRIG Awards | December 20, 2019 |
| IRB Approval Required by | February 28, 2020 |
| Funds Disbursed | February 28, 2020 |

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