The Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity in collaboration with the Office of Graduate Diversity and Inclusion presents

SPRING 2023 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:
ADVANCED DOCTORAL STUDENT
DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP AWARDS
Cultivating Emerging Qualitative/Mixed Methods Scholars

Extended Deadline
Wednesday, April 12, 2023
4:00pm ET

The Qualitative Research Interest Group (QRIG) is pleased to announce the eighth annual dissertation award fellows program for advanced doctoral students engaged in research using qualitative or mixed (qualitative and quantitative) methods.

Applicants who have successfully passed their dissertation proposals, have completed or will have completed data collection by Friday, April 21, are engaged in preliminary data analysis and are in the final 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 in US society.

Program
The award provides $500-$2,500 for doctoral candidates to fund data analysis costs for dissertations that primarily use qualitative research methods (including participant observations, 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 (e.g., 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 the completion of their dissertation.

Eligibility
Applicants must have:
- Successfully defended the dissertation proposal by Wednesday, April 12, 2023.
- Completed data collection by Friday, May 19, 2023.
- Be advanced doctoral candidates.
- Completed the CITI training in Social/Behavioral research with human subjects.
- Secured prior Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for dissertation study.
- Conducted 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).
A commitment to the **mission and vision** of CRGE.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a proposal for a dissertation award that is intersectional in its approach (i.e., examining how more than one dimension of structural inequality affects the lived experiences of individuals or groups). If you have questions or concerns about your eligibility, please contact Joana Granados, Research Coordinator, at joanagra@umd.edu.

**Application Requirements**

The award application consists of:

1. **An abstract** of 150 words or less.
2. A **proposal** (brief description of the dissertation study, see guiding questions under Application Preparation Guidelines), no longer than five (5) pages in length (with 12-point font). It should be addressed to “non-specialists.”
3. List of **References/Works Cited** included in your proposal.
4. A **justified budget** that proposes funding of a sum between $500 and $2,500 by stating what funds will be used for and why. Funds may be used for direct research costs related to qualitative data analysis. Award amounts will depend on the number and quality of awards approved.
5. **Timeline** for completing and defending the dissertation.
6. **Letter of support** from dissertation chair confirming the approval of the dissertation proposal and the completion of data collection.
7. Current **CV**.
8. Current **IRB approval** letter for the dissertation project.

**Application Preparation Guidelines**

It is important that the submission offer a clear roadmap and a plan to complete data analysis. The executive committee understands 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 research question is important. What are the intellectual debates in your field that are relevant to this proposed study? Offer a thorough description of the academic 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 the 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 information. 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, the title of your dissertation and the abstract (150 words or less). 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.

Please e-mail one electronic copy of your application with subject “QRIG Dissertation Award
Application” by 4:00pm on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, to:
Joana Granados
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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 and the potential of the research to
lead to preliminary data for inclusion in a publication or proposal for external funding.

Post-Award Requirements
Awardees are expected to submit a brief report (4-5 pages) by the end of the Spring 2024. The report
should summarize their completed award activities completed, study results and planned publications,
and a budget report on use of funds. Award recipients are also required to present their research to the
QRIG, interested faculty, and students within one year of receiving funding. All awardees agree to
acknowledge this award in their dissertation and any future publications related to their study data.

Timeline
Awards will be announced the first week of May and funds will be disbursed to UMD student accounts
by the first two week of June.

For logistical or application questions, contact Joana Granados, Research Coordinator, at
joanagra@umd.edu. For questions related to research topics or approaches, contact Dr. Ruth Enid
Zambrana, CRGE Director, at rzambran@umd.edu. You may also view our Advanced Doctoral Student
Dissertation Award Preparation Powerpoint.