Dissertation Research Enhancement Award

The Department of Health Services Administration will grant financial awards to Ph.D. students for the purchase or materials or services required to complete their dissertation. Awards up to $3,000 will be provided to support the purchase of materials and services, depending on the availability of funds. Requests for larger amounts may be considered in exceptional cases. Allowable expenses include secondary data, data collection costs, or other services and materials necessary for the completion of dissertation research. Funds may not be used for stipends or conference travel.

Each Ph.D. student is eligible for up to 1 award. The number of students that can be concurrently funded is based on the availability of funds. Awards are competitive and based on the potential of the dissertation to advance a field of study and the promise of the applicant as an emerging scholar. Applicants must be currently enrolled, have completed HLSA 765, and have attempted to obtain funding for their dissertation from external sources. Applications will be reviewed by a faculty committee on a rolling basis.

To apply for an award submit the following in a single application packet to Luisa Franzini (franzini@umd.edu).

1. Completed application form (see page 2)
2. Research statement (not exceeding 5 double spaced pages) that includes:
   a. Specific aims page and abbreviated research strategy describing the project’s significance, innovation, study methods, and expected findings
   b. Project timeline describing dissertation progress at the time of application and timeline to completion
   c. A description of how the purchase is essential for completing the dissertation and the feasibility of the proposed dissertation with the purchase
   d. A statement describing other sources of funding the student has pursued
3. Budget justification
   a. A tabular budget
   b. A description of what will be purchased and if the purchase requires additional institutional support beyond the proposed budget (i.e. secure computing environment)

4. Letter of support from the dissertation chair
5. Current C.V.
Dissertation Research Enhancement Award Application Form

Name: ____________________________________________

UID: ____________________________________________

Current Year in Program: ____________________________________________

Expected Year of Graduation: ____________________________________________

Dissertation Title: ____________________________________________

Dissertation Chair: ____________________________________________

Date: ____________________________________________

Student Signature: ____________________________________________

Advisor Signature: ____________________________________________