

2023-2024 Application Information for the Rima E. Rudd Research Award in Health Literacy

The Horowitz Center for Health Literacy sponsors the Rudd Research Award to foster innovative doctoral-level health literacy research relevant to public health priorities and contexts. Dr. Rudd is one of the founders of the health literacy field in the U.S., and she has trained and influenced thousands of students and practitioners around the world. This award honors her contributions and supports the next generation of health literacy leaders.

There is a maximum of \$30,000 available for the award, and the amount awarded will depend on student need and budget. The funds must be applied to tuition, fees, or research expenses. Within 3 years of award, students must spend the funds and defend the dissertation.

Deadlines: The application is due by email to the Horowitz Center by **March 1, 2024**. No late applications accepted. Announcement of the award will happen by March 31, 2024. A committee of School of Public health faculty will review applications. The committee may select multiple recipients, single recipients, or no recipients.

Criteria to apply: Please read the criteria carefully to make sure you qualify.

1. Student is an enrolled UMD doctoral candidate in good standing who has successfully passed qualifying examinations and defended the dissertation proposal.
2. Student has taken the SPH health literacy graduate class and received a B or higher grade.
3. The dissertation proposal has health literacy as a population criteria, variable or outcome.
4. The student's research will contribute significantly to the health literacy field.
5. The student intends to continue health literacy research after graduation.
6. The student either has the Horowitz Center Director on the dissertation committee or the student's dissertation committee chair agrees to regularly consult with the Horowitz Center Director on the student's work and progress.

Application packet: Submit the following information to the Horowitz Center Director by the deadline. Email: healthliteracy@umd.edu

1. Submit a maximum 4 page (12 point, .5 margins) description of your preparation to do health literacy research and your approved dissertation proposal. Include the health literacy definition you use and how the health literacy concept operates in your project (identify research participants, demographic or analytical variable, study outcome, etc.). The description must include how the proposed research will significantly contribute to the health literacy field and your future research that will include health literacy. Explain how the funds will support your research.
2. Additional materials
 - a. Dissertation proposal
 - b. Budget detailing how the funds will be spent
 - c. Timeline to complete and defend the dissertation

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- d. 1 letter of recommendation from your dissertation advisor addressing the quality of your scholarship and potential to contribute to the health literacy field.

Post-grant:

1. The student must acknowledge the Horowitz Center for Health Literacy on publications and presentations.
2. The student must submit progress reports every 6 months to the Dean of the School of Public Health and the Horowitz Center Director.