

Dissertation Research Enhancement Award

The Department of Health Policy and Management will grant financial awards to Ph.D. students for the purchase of materials or services required to complete their dissertation. Awards up to \$3,000 will be provided, 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 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. Decisions are made by a committee of faculty members.

Applicants must be currently enrolled in the program and have completed HLSA 765 or are currently taking it at the time of application. Applications will be reviewed by a faculty committee on a rolling basis.

A condition of the award is that students must apply for other dissertation funding. This condition can be satisfied either by demonstrated evidence that the student has applied for other funding by the time of the Dissertation Enhancement Award application or by articulating a specific plan to submit such an application prior to graduation. Other dissertation funding includes internal graduate school dissertation fellowships and external grants (e.g. R36).

To apply for an award, please submit the following in a single application packet to Michel Boudreaux (mhb@umd.edu).

1. Completed application form (see page 2)
2. Research statement (not exceeding 3 double spaced pages) that includes:
 - a. Specific aims and abbreviated research strategy describing the project's significance, innovation, and study methods.
 - b. Brief 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 outlining the other sources of funding the student has already pursued or plans to pursue. Please be specific.
3. Budget justification (1 page)
 - 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

Electronic Signatures are Acceptable

Name:

UID:

Current Year in Program:

HLSA765:

Currently Enrolled ☐ Completed ☐

**Expected Year of
Graduation:**

Dissertation Title:

Dissertation Chair:

Date:

Student Signature:

Advisor Signature:
