

IRP Graduate Research Fellows Program Application Guidelines for Dissertation Research Support

The IRP Graduate Research Fellows Program will accept applications for grants in support of dissertation research for any amount up to \$2,000. The types of expenses supported will include data collection or data access fees, computer programming time, research materials/equipment, or other expenses incurred in essential components of your research. The amount of the award will be determined by the selection committee.

The following items should be included in your proposal.

1. A cover page including your name and contact information, the name of your graduate research advisor(s), and an abstract of 150 words or less describing your research
2. Research aims/objectives
3. Background/significance of your work

[Note: you may want to discuss any relevant prior studies and how your work will make an important contribution to this field.]

4. Research design, data and methods
5. Preliminary work you have done on this research and how IRP support will advance your research
6. Detailed information about how the requested funds will be spent.
7. For requests for support over \$500, you will need a letter of support from your primary research advisor

The proposal should not exceed 4 double-spaced pages, 12-point font, 1-inch page margins, (not including the letter of support from your advisor).

[Note: The purpose of this application is not to be bureaucratic about the allocation of funds, but rather to help you sharpen your proposal writing skills. The components of this application are fairly standard to foundation pre-proposals or letters of intent.]

Funding decisions will typically be made on or near the 5th day of each month for any applications received by the last day of the previous month. If it is early in the month and the funding need is time-sensitive, special consideration may be given to the application (as to the timing of review).