2023-2024 CALL FOR APPLICANTS

IRP
NATIONAL DISSERTATION AWARD

November 29, 2022
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• National Research Center on Poverty and Economic Mobility
• 300 on and off-campus affiliates
• [https://www.irp.wisc.edu/](https://www.irp.wisc.edu/)
ASPE is the principal advisor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on policy development.

- Responsible for major activities in policy coordination, legislation development, strategic planning, policy research, evaluation, and economic analysis.
• Within ASPE, HSP conducts policy research, analysis, evaluation, and coordination on various issues across the Department
• Focused on human services programs and their ability to promote economic and social well-being
• https://aspe.hhs.gov/about/offices/hsp
NATIONAL DISSERTATION AWARD GOALS

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<th>Support</th>
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<td>Amplify</td>
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NATIONAL DISSERTATION AWARD GOALS

• Engaging communities in research or dissemination

• Policy-relevant research on reducing inequalities in human services administered by HHS
LOGISTICS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Funding

• 1 award of $25,000

• Funding can cover:

  Tuition               Subject payments
  Stipend               Travel
  Data acquisition      Supplies
  Research assistance
LOGISTICS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Budget

• Provide a draft budget outlining when and how applicant plans to use the $25,000 award
• University indirect costs may also be billed but IRP encourages home institutions to waive this cost.
• Funding can be used during
  – summer 2023,
  – fall semester 2023,
  – spring semester 2024,
  – summer 2024
  – or any combination of the preceding times.
LOGISTICS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligibility

- Doctoral students at U.S. universities, other than UW–Madison
- Meet the NIH definition of underrepresented in their field of study
  - Populations Underrepresented in the Extramural Scientific Workforce | SWD at NIH
- Expected to complete required coursework by September 2023 and expected to complete Ph.D. by the 2024–2025 academic year
- Have the support of dissertation chair
Complete online Application Form

Upload as 1 pdf:
- Cover page
- Description of proposed work (up to 10 pages)
- CV

Request letter of sponsorship from dissertation chair submitted using online Sponsor Submission Form
LOGISTICS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Timeline

• January 25, 2023: Application Deadline
• Early April 2023: Notification of award
• Summer/Fall 2023: Contract begins (flexible)
• Summer/Fall 2024: Contract ends (flexible, no later than 9/29/24)
—Meet with IRP to discuss public-facing project
—Submit brief progress reports every quarter
—Submit a draft of the public-facing project
—Meet with IRP to discuss draft
—Submit a revised final draft of public-facing project by end of award period
APPLICATION RESOURCES

Get application instructions at:

Review frequently asked questions at:

Send questions to:
irpapply@ssc.wisc.edu

Sign up for IRP email announcements at: https://www.irp.wisc.edu/connect/
Questions?
Thank You!