

SERA Research Grant Doctoral Candidate– Early Career Award

Applicants must fit the following criteria:

- A doctoral candidate who has defended a dissertation proposal approved by the dissertation committee.
- Attended and presented at SERA within the last 3 years.

One SERA Research Grant up to \$1,000 for 1-year projects may be awarded each year. Institutions may not charge indirect or overhead costs on these awards.

Application Requirements

All applications for SERA Research Grant must include:

- PI information (contact information and 2-page vita)
- Research project abstract
- Purpose section
- Brief literature review
- Research questions and/or hypotheses
- Description of the sample
- Data collection methods
- Description of data analyses to be conducted in the study
- Reference form from dissertation chair. Include a statement that the dissertation proposal has been defended and approved.
- Include a statement agreeing to present the research at the next February Conference.
- The proposal should be a maximum of 1500 words, not including references or the 2-page vita
- The proposal must include a budget and a budget justification explaining the proposed uses of the monies

Application Deadlines

Proposals for Research Grants will be once a year. Proposals must be submitted to the SERA Executive Director, Linda Zientek at LRZ002@SHSU.EDU by December 15 of each year.

The application deadline is December 15.

Budget

Institutions may not charge overhead or indirect costs on SERA Research Grants.

Funding restrictions

Previous award winners cannot reapply in subsequent years, unless they received a SERA grant award as a graduate student. SERA Board Members (either elected or appointed) are not eligible.

Evaluation criteria

The current President will appoint a standing committee. The evaluation criteria will include: Quality of literature review, relevance of the topic, relevance of research questions, the strength of the methodology section, and quality of writing. An additional criterion will be whether or not the analytic methods fit the research questions.

Reporting requirements

All Research Grantees will be required to submit a SERA proposal and send a copy of the proposal to the Executive Director. In order to receive the final grant funds (see funding disbursement), a manuscript in article format with the quality for submission to a journal article must be submitted the first day of the February Annual Conference at the end of subsequent annual conference.

Funding disbursement

Grantees will receive \$250.00 at the SERA luncheon and up to \$750.00 after presenting at the next February SERA Annual Conference (receipts must be submitted). Travel expenses to conferences are not included.

The award amounts will not be channeled through institutions; thus, there are no overhead or indirect costs.