SERA Research Grant Assistant Professor—Early Career Awards

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.

Applicants must fit the following criteria:

- Assistant professor employed at a 4-year institution in a tenure-track position
- Must be a member of SERA by the application due date
- Collaborate with a designated mentor. Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with a mentor through the SERA Mentoring Initiative.

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Application Requirements

All applications for SERA Research Grants 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 analysis to be conducted in the study
- Reference letter from department chair and mentor
- 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 Research Grant Coordinator, Shirley Matteson at shirley.matteson@ttu.edu   and Chrissy Cross at crossc1@sfasu.edu by **May 1** of each year.

The application deadline is May 1st.

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 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 the analytic methods fit the research questions.

Reporting Requirements

All Research Grantees will be required to submit a SERA proposal through the Grants Coordinator and SERA Program Chair. 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 for the subsequent year.

Funding Disbursement

Grantees will receive $500.00 at the time of the award (June 1st) and $500.00 after presenting at the February SERA Annual Conference (receipts must be submitted). Travel expenses to conferences may be included but cannot exceed 30% of the total budget. ***It is expected that the award winners will be present at the SERA luncheon.***

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