

## **SERA Research Grant Doctoral Candidate—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:**

- A doctoral candidate who has defended a dissertation proposal approved by the dissertation committee
- Attended SERA within the last three years
- Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with a mentor through the SERA Mentoring Initiative.

### **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 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 Research Grant Coordinator, Shirley Matteson at [shirley.matteson@ttu.edu](mailto:shirley.matteson@ttu.edu) and Chrissy Cross at [crossc1@sfasu.edu](mailto:crossc1@sfasu.edu).

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 and send a copy of the proposal to Grants Coordinator and 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 1<sup>st</sup>) and \$500.00 after presenting at the February SERA Annual Conference (receipts must be submitted). Grantees will be recognized at the SERA luncheon. 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.