

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
- The doctoral candidate must still be a student when initial grant funds are awarded
- Attended and presented at 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:

- The proposal should be a maximum of 1500 words, not including references, reference letter(s), budget, budget justification, or the 2-page vita
- 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 or participants
- Data collection methods/methodology
- 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 and attend the awards luncheon.
- The proposal must include a budget and a budget justification explaining the proposed uses of the monies.
- Human subjects research may require IRB approval.

Application Deadlines

Proposals for Research Grants will be once a year. Proposals must be submitted to the SERA Research Grant Coordinator, Chrissy Cross at crossc1@sfasu.edu and Shirley Matteson at shirley.matteson@ttu.edu.

The application deadline is May 1st.

Budget

Institutions may not charge overhead or indirect costs on SERA Research Grants. A budget justification explaining the proposed uses of the monies must be included in the submission materials. The preponderance of the funding should be used for research

related expenses, (e.g., participant incentives, research software, transcription services, research materials and supplies).

Funding Restrictions

Previous award winners cannot reapply in subsequent years. Travel expenses to conferences may be included but cannot exceed 30% of the total budget. Funding cannot be used for tuition and fees.

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). Grantees will be recognized at the SERA luncheon. *It is expected that the award winners will be present at the SERA luncheon.*

Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation criteria will include: relevance of the topic and research questions, quality of literature review, the strength of research methodology, appropriateness of analytic methods addressing research questions, and quality of writing.

Reporting Requirements

All Research Grantees will be required to submit a SERA proposal through the Grants Coordinator, who will submit to SERA Program Chair for inclusion in a special session at the upcoming February Annual Conference. In order to receive the final grant funds (see funding disbursement), an APA formatted manuscript must be submitted to the Grants Coordinator on or before the first day of the February Annual Conference for the subsequent year. The “Distributing Papers” section of the SERA Call for Proposals has additional information.