

Division 15 Annual Doctoral Student Research Seminar

Application Deadline: Friday, April 18, 2008

Division 15 announces its Eleventh Annual National Doctoral Student Research Seminar to coincide with the annual meeting of APA August 14-17, 2008 in Boston, MA. The purposes of the seminar are to allow informal exchange of ideas about research and to demystify the process of becoming a researcher.

Selected students will attend conference presentations, participate in social events, and meet with distinguished researchers. Students will also work with faculty to discuss their dissertation research. The seminar will be limited to a select number of students with no more than three from the same institution. Applicants must be enrolled as full-time doctoral students and, ideally, be in the preliminary stages of their dissertation.

Selections will be based on: (a) the quality of the submitted work and (b) the student's fit with Division 15, the interests of the other applicants, and the expertise of participating faculty. The seminar is free and Division 15 will provide some meals and refreshments. Students will also receive a stipend intended to assist with the cost of travel, registration, and Division 15 membership.

Applications must be received by Friday, April 18, 2008 and include the following:

* A 1-2 page letter from the student including: 1) 100 word statement of research interests, 2) statement of interest in/connection to Division 15, 3) explanation of how the student can benefit from and contribute to the seminar, 4) dissertation timeline from proposal defense to dissertation defense, and 5) career goals (e.g., type of position) and job search timeline.

* A 3-5 page double-spaced research proposal in APA style that describes the student's dissertation study. The proposal should include a working title, introduction, brief theoretical framework, statement of the problem, methodology, and proposed analyses.

* A vita that includes the student's name, address, telephone and e-mail, education, professional experience, publications, and conference presentations.

* A letter of recommendation from the student's advisor describing the student's qualifications.

Materials should be submitted via email (mbuehl@gmu.edu) with the student's letter, research proposal, and vita in a single Word document. The recommendation letter should be sent under separate cover.

Questions and materials should be directed to:

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Graduate Student Dissertation Research Awards

Deadline: Thursday, May 1, 2008, 5 p.m.

Division 15 (Educational Psychology) of APA invites graduate students who are members of the division to apply for a dissertation research award. The purpose of the award is to provide financial support for educational psychology doctoral students who are preparing to collect their dissertation data.

Qualifications

Applicants must be graduate students who have submitted or defended a dissertation proposal to their committee and who are also members or student affiliates of Division 15. For graduate students who are not already a member or affiliate of the division, the website link to join Division 15 is: <http://www.apa.org/about/division/memapp.html>. [This website features a membership application to be mailed to APA, though membership in APA is not a qualification criterion. Cost of annual membership for a student affiliate is \$10, a fee that includes an annual subscription to the division-associated journal, *Educational Psychologist*.]

Number of Awards

Two awards will be given each year.

Announcement of the award winners will be made at the annual APA convention in Boston, August 14 – 17, 2008 during the business meeting of the division.

Monetary Award

Each award is associated with a \$1,000 monetary stipend.

How and When to Apply

A completed application should contain the following three components:

A brief summary of your dissertation work that includes a separate title page with full contact information, an Abstract, and contact information for your dissertation chair.

A 3 - 4 page summary that includes the title of your study, statement of the problem, research questions, and proposed methodology (double-spaced, maximum 1000 words, prepared for blind review).

Your vita.

Electronically submit the above components (in one email with three separate e-mail attachments, saved as .doc files) to committee chair Michele Gill at mgill@mail.ucf.edu. Include in the body of the email your Division 15 status (e.g., "member since April 2006"). Electronic submissions must be received no later than 5 p.m. on **May 1, 2008**. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the award.

Criteria

We encourage applications from all institutions—large and small, and from all domains relevant to the empirical study of educational psychology. Submissions will be evaluated based on the importance of the research question, match with Division 15 goals, and quality of the proposed methodology. You do not need to submit a proposed budget or letters of recommendation.