

Sociology Research Opportunity Funds 2009-2010

Doctoral students in the Department of Sociology are invited to apply for Sociology Research Opportunity Funds (SRO). These funds are intended to *supplement*, not replace, GRO (Graduate Research Opportunity), VPGE, NSF dissertation grants, and other research awards that students may obtain. All students should actively seek out and apply for alternative dissertation research funding.

GRO Funds: Information on the GRO and application guidelines is available at http://www.stanford.edu/dept/humsci/external/grad/financialaid_fellowships.html. Students may request up to \$5,000 which is payable by stipend.

VPGE Funds: If your dissertation is on a diversity-related topic, you may apply for up to \$5,000 in dissertation research funds from VPGE. Information is available at <http://vpge.stanford.edu/diversity/support.html>.

NSF Dissertation Improvement Grants: Deadlines are October 15 and February 15. Students may apply for up to \$10,000 in funding. <http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/socck11.jsp>.

Eligibility Requirements

- Doctoral students in Sociology who are making satisfactory academic progress and have successfully defended the dissertation prospectus.
- Successful applicants must be registered in the quarter they apply for and receive SRO funds. Grants will typically be awarded in November and in April.
- Applications for summer research grants should be submitted in April.
- Applications must include proof of application for GRO and VPGE funding. Students in Year 5 and Year 6 must also have applied for the NSF dissertation improvement grant or have an application in progress.

Eligible Expenses

The following expense categories **WILL** be considered appropriate for SRO awards:

- travel costs (either domestic or international) associated with work in libraries or archives away from Stanford
- travel costs (either domestic or international) associated with field research
- other special project costs such as purchase of datasets, production of questionnaires and surveys, human subject costs, or specialized equipment
- payment to undergraduate RAs

The following expense categories will **NOT** be considered appropriate for these funds:

- computers
- travel costs for dependents and spouses
- travel costs to attend professional conferences (there is separate travel funding available to all students)
- dissertation write-up grants

- health insurance
- course registration
- Stanford tuition
- conference fees

Application Procedure

Completed applications must be submitted by the deadlines listed below. Award decisions are made by a faculty selection committee and are awarded on a competitive basis – not all proposals will be funded.

Completed applications should include the following:

1. The attached application cover sheet.
2. A detailed description (no more than 2 pages) of your research question including explanation of how the SRO grant will assist you in answering the question.
3. A line item budget and budget justification for your project. Clearly identify which expenses are part of the SRO request and which (if any) have been included in other pending requests for funding (GRO, VPGE, NSF, etc.). If you have not applied for other funding, please justify.
4. A letter of support from your academic advisor. Advisors may either provide a hard copy or send an email version to Susan Weersing. Applications are not considered to be complete until the advisor letter has been received.

These items should be submitted to Susan Weersing. Awardees will be expected to provide a report of use of funds when the project is completed.

Please Note: These grants will be issued in the form of a fellowship stipend.

2009-2010 Applications TBD

Fall: November 10, 2009

Spring: tbd

