



## **DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANTS Application Guidelines**

The Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (IRRPP) is pleased to announce the Dissertation Research Grant competition. The purpose of this competition is to support research on race, ethnicity, and public policy by UIC doctoral students. The Dissertation Research Grant is part of IRRPP's Future Faculty Program which includes the WriteOut! Dissertation Writing Retreats.

**APPLICATION REVIEW.** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until all funds are awarded. Application review will begin after October 15, 2018.

**ELIGIBILITY.** UIC doctoral students who are ABD (All But Dissertation) and research topics related to race/ethnicity and public policy are eligible for these research grants.

**AWARD AMOUNT.** Up to \$2,000.00 per award.

**GRANT TERMS.** Grantees are expected to:

1. Spend all grant funds on their research project by June 30, 2019. Grant funds will be transferred to the applicant's department and can be spent by contacting the unit's business manager.
2. Acknowledge funding from IRRPP on all relevant materials.
3. Submit a one-page summary of progress achieved or of completion of the research project within 30 days of the end of the award (July 31).

**GRANT DATES.** October 15, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES.** A complete application consists of:

1. A completed **cover sheet**, including all necessary signatures.
2. A 2-3 page, single spaced **research project description** that includes:
  - a. The research question and need, including the importance and relevance of race / ethnicity for the research project;
  - b. The methodology;
  - c. The relevance of the research project to IRRPP's mission to promote engaged research on racial and ethnic justice, including increasing society's understanding of the causes of racial and ethnic inequality; and providing the public, organizers, practitioners, and policymakers with research-based policy solutions. IRRPP defines policy-relevant projects broadly as those that can be used to inform and influence the various stages of the policy process including public debates on policy issues, policy-related political mobilizations, policy formation and implementation processes, and policy evaluations.
  - d. A project timeline.
  - e. A brief letter of support from the dissertation committee chair.
3. An **itemized budget and budget narrative** that details additional funding sources and the specific budget items to be covered by the grant. Allowable project expenses include travel, supplies, equipment under \$500, services, software. Travel to conference and salaries or stipends are not allowable.

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Applicants should submit a single pdf document that includes all the materials to IRRPP Office Manager Ryan Vilorio at [rvilor1@uic.edu](mailto:rvilor1@uic.edu).