

## DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH AWARDS

**Purpose:** To provide funds for doctoral candidates to conduct or enhance their dissertation research projects. (**Note:** It is assumed that the proposed research will be completed within 12 months and published in a peer-reviewed journal with acknowledgment of this award).

**Eligibility:** Doctoral candidates in the College of Human Ecology (PhD in Human Ecology with specializations in various units of the College, PhD in Personal Financial Planning, PhD in Human Nutrition) who have successfully defended their dissertation proposal.

**Use of Funds:** Recipients may receive up to \$1,000 to pay for research supplies, reagents, travel to conduct the research, payment to human subjects, and payroll for undergraduate or statistical research assistants. **The funds cannot be used for expenses that have already been incurred, travel to a professional meeting, or recipient's salary.**

**Application Instructions:** The applicant must submit an application which includes **a**) the cover page (included in this instruction), **b**) a brief proposal (no more than three double-spaced pages), **c**) a budget (no more than one page), **d**) a current CV, and **e**) a letter of recommendation from your dissertation adviser.

The **proposal** should include:

- An introduction outlining the need for the project, as well as the purpose/hypotheses/research questions
- A brief description of the project's methodology
- A description of the importance of the project to the applicant's field and his/her scholarly development including anticipated outcomes
- References (Please limit to those supporting your research idea or innovation and methodological contributions)

**Note:** The proposal should be written in a manner where individuals in other disciplines can understand and appreciate the proposed project.

The **budget** should include:

- An itemized budget (**Note:** If the budget exceeds \$1,000, please identify your other sources of funding)
- A budget justification including a statement describing how the funds will improve your dissertation

**Deadlines:** Applications need to be submitted electronically to Michelle Toews ([MLToews@ksu.edu](mailto:MLToews@ksu.edu)) no later than October 15 for Fall semester and March 15 for Spring semester. A committee representing faculty of the College of Human Ecology will review the applications and make recommendations for funding to the Dean of the College. **Note:** The number of awards will vary by semester based on the quality of applications and the availability of funds.

**Cover Page**  
**Application for Doctoral Dissertation Research Award**

**APPLICANT'S NAME:**

**DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL:**

**DISSERTATION ADVISER:**

**SEMESTER YOU PASSED CANDIDACY EXAM:**

**DATE YOU DEFENDED YOUR PROPOSAL:**

**TITLE OF PROJECT:**

**SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSED PROJECT (100 words or less):**

**DISSERTATION ADVISER'S SIGNATURE AND DATE:**

By signing below, I attest the applicant has passed his/her candidacy exam and successfully defended his/her dissertation proposal.

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Dissertation Adviser's Signature

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Date

**DEPARTMENT HEAD OR SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE AND DATE:**

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Department Head/School Director's Signature

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Date