ORTNER CENTER ON VIOLENCE & ABUSE
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Call for Proposals

The Ortner Center offers competitive seed grants to support student-developed research projects at the University of Pennsylvania. The purpose of the funding is to support independent, innovative, student-initiated research projects that will contribute to the knowledge surrounding violence – primarily violence against women and violence in families – and will enhance the research skills of students so as to better prepare them for their future work as scholars. Awards range from $1000-$5000 and are contingent upon the budget justification provided by the applicant.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis contingent upon the availability of funds.

Eligibility

Proposals from students at all levels and in all Schools at Penn are considered. Priority is given to applications from doctoral students.

If a potential applicant is not certain whether he or she is eligible, contact ortnercenter@upenn.edu

Proposed research projects may:

- o Be pilot work for a dissertation or a larger-scale study
- o Be conducted in local, national, or international venues
- o Consist of quantitative and/or qualitative research methods
- o Collect primary data or analyze existing data sets

Research projects will be evaluated on:

- o Relevance to Center priorities of violence against women and violence in families
- o Feasibility of the project design (must be completed in 12 months or less)
- o Logic and specificity of the specific research aims
- o Justification of project's value and contribution
- o Overall clarity of thought and expression

Grant funds can be used for:

- o Travel (to collect data or if proposed project takes place in another, city, state, or country)
- o Participant compensation
- o Materials needed for successful implementation of the project
- o Student researcher salary

<u>How to Apply</u>

Applications consist of two parts, the substance of the proposed research (Part I) and supporting materials (Part II).

<u>Part I</u>
- o An abstract of the proposed research (250 word limit)
- o Then, in no more than 1000 words:
  - o Statement of purpose. This section should include the use of existing literature to lay out the rationale and significance of the proposed research. It should also include the research questions and/or specific aims of the project.
  - o Description of the methods that will be used
  - o Description of the intended outcomes or products of the research
- o References should follow; they are not included in the word limit.

<u>Part II</u>
- o Budget and budget justification
- o Timeline
- o Brief bio-sketch of the applicant and of the applicant's advisor or supervising faculty member

All proposals that include human subjects (whether through primary collection or use of existing data) must receive IRB approval from the Office of Research Administration prior to receiving funding. Applicants who are funded must be prepared to submit an IRB application within two weeks of announcement of award.

Submit applications electronically to ortnercenter@upenn.edu