

# Sociology PhD Dissertation Research Opportunity Funds

## 2011-12 Application Deadlines

Fall: December 15, 2011

Spring: May 15, 2012

Doctoral students in the Department of Sociology are invited to apply for Sociology Research Opportunity Funds (SRO) to assist in research related to their dissertation. 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](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 SRO funds. SRO Grants will typically be awarded in January and in June.
- Applications must include proof of application for the NSF dissertation grant, GRO, and/or other funding from VPGE or external sources.

### 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 SRO awards:

- computers
- travel costs for dependents and/or 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 to Sarah Giberman by the deadlines listed above. 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 Sarah Giberman. Applications are not considered to be complete until the advisor letter has been received.

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

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### *APPLICATION COVER SHEET*

Name:

Date:

Student ID #:

Email:

Advisor:

Amount Requested:

*Please list date(s) you applied for NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant and GRO:*

*Research Awards Received (funding source, amount rec'd, date):*

*Research Awards Pending (funding source, amount requested):*

Date of oral exam:

**Please submit your application to Sarah Giberman. Be sure to include:**

- 1. This cover sheet**
- 2. Detailed project description (1-2 pages)**
- 3. Line item budget & justification**
- 4. Letter or email of support from academic advisor**