

Financial Support Opportunities
Gerontology Ph.D. Program
UMass Boston



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Organization: American Society on Aging, ASA

Website: <http://www.asaging.org/index.cfm>

ASA's Awards Programs Recognizing Excellence in the Field of Aging

Every year we at ASA recognize a number of individuals and organizations for their contributions to ASA, to the field of aging, and to older adults. At left are links to view descriptions and current and previous winners of these awards programs -- as well as instructions on how to apply for awards or nominate other individuals or organizations.

Application forms and a complete description of award criteria can also be obtained by contacting:

Awards Committee
American Society on Aging
c/o Valerie Jones
833 Market Street, Suite 511
San Francisco, CA 94103-1824

Phone: 415-974-9602
Fax: 415-974-0300
E-mail: awards@asaging.org

PURPOSE

The ASA Graduate Student Research Award is presented annually to a graduate student for research relevant to aging and applicable to practice.

ELIGIBILITY

- Only quality graduate-level research will be considered.
- Applicants must either be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program or must have completed their studies no more than one year before the time of submission.
- Findings must be from completed research; submission of the conceptual framework alone is not sufficient.
- Applicants must be sponsored by a faculty member. The sponsor may advise, but should not author the submission.
- Applicants and faculty sponsors need not be ASA members.
- Papers that have been published are not eligible for submission.
- The winner will be expected to attend the **2008 Aging in America Conference** to present the winning paper.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Submissions conforming to customary research protocols will be judged on the following criteria (100 points total):

1. **PROBLEM STATEMENT (15 points)**
Document the size and/or the critical nature of the problem, how the research will lead to improvement in the study population, and relevance to the field of aging.
2. **BACKGROUND (15 points)**
There should be a concise review of the literature that places the current work in the context of prior empirical and theoretical work; identification of study variables; and clear research questions with your expectations or hypotheses.
3. **RESEARCH METHOD (20 points)**
Describe the study design and how the study was conducted. Describe the sample, sampling procedures, measures, instrumentation, data collection, response rate, data analysis plan, and human subjects issues.
4. **RESULTS (20 points)**
Present the empirical findings.
5. **DISCUSSION (20 points)**
Interpret the results. Identify the limitations. Present implications/recommendations for practice, planning, or policy, and future research.
6. **QUALITY OF PRESENTATION (10 points)**
In addition to the above criteria for the study itself, the following criteria relating to style and organization will be considered in the review:
 - the logical, clear expression of ideas, and
 - correctness of spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED

1. Application form, including faculty sponsor contact information.
2. Research paper, attached online with application, no more than 20 narrative pages long (excluding references, tables and appendices) covering all of the review criteria (hyperlink). Paper must be typed in 12-point type, double-spaced, with 1" margins. Papers longer than 20 narrative pages, or with type smaller than 12 points, will not be considered for review.

RECOGNITION

1. \$500 cash prize for 1st place
2. Award certificate
3. Complimentary one year individual membership
4. Complimentary registration and one-night's lodging for the Aging in America Conference
5. Presentation of research findings at a highlighted session at the **2008 Aging in America Conference**

A review panel will judge the research on the quality of its conceptual framework, methodology, presentation and analysis of findings, as well as its significance to practice in the field of aging.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on this award, please contact: Valerie Jones

Award Coordinator

833 Market Street, Suite 511

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(415) 974-0300 (fax)

e-mail: vjones@asaging.org

Organization: Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, AGHE

Website: <http://www.aghe.org/site/aghewebsite/>

Internships through the AGHE National Office

Each fall and spring semester, AGHE offers an individual the opportunity to serve a one-semester internship in the Washington, DC office. While this is not a direct service position in that interns have no direct contact with elders, they do have the opportunity to meet and correspond with leaders in the field of gerontological and geriatrics education and in organizations serving the needs of the nation's elders. AGHE's internship is a full-time, Monday through Friday position. A small stipend is provided to help cover the cost of relocating for the semester.

Past AGHE Interns have represented a variety of disciplines including social work, public health, psychology, sociology, and gerontology. Their interest in many aspects of gerontology, in higher education, and in management of a non-profit organization has been especially beneficial to the internship experience. AGHE's interns have the opportunity to: (1) run special projects (e.g., survey administration, publications); (2) attend public policy meetings in Washington, D.C.; and (3) meet and correspond with leaders in the field of gerontological and geriatrics education. In addition, the intern assists with the day-to-day operations of the Association, and with the preparations for and attendance at the Association's national meetings. The fall intern helps prepare for and attends the annual meeting of The Gerontological Society of America (GSA), AGHE's parent organization; the spring intern helps prepare for and attends AGHE's Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference.

AGHE is located in the central business district of Washington, D.C., and shares office space with GSA. The office is readily accessible via Metro Rail and multiple bus lines. AGHE has 3 permanent staff members and one volunteer. The bulk of interns' day-to-day interaction is with AGHE staff. By virtue of working in the same office and collaborating on projects, interns also have contact with the GSA staff of 27 additional employees.

APPLYING FOR THE AGHE INTERNSHIP

Please apply online through AGHE's internship website, ExperienceInAging.com. This is the preferred method of application.

If you do not wish to apply online, a resume/cover letter may be submitted via fax or email (attention Tony DiLorenzo, Deputy Director) to 202.289.9824 or adilorenzo@aghe.org, or mailed to the AGHE office at 1220 L St. NW, Suite 901, Washington, DC, 20005.

The postmark deadline to mail an application is Monday, April 28.

Online, email, and faxed applications will be accepted until the end of the day on Wednesday, April 30. Annual Application schedule:

	Application Period Opens	Application Deadline	
Spring Internship	August 15	October 15	(of previous year)
Fall Internship	February 1	April 30	(of same year)

Organization: Borchard Foundation Center on Law & Aging

Website: <http://www.borchardcenter.org/>

**The Borchard Foundation Center on Law & Aging Invites Applications For
The 2008-2009 Borchard Fellowship in Law & Aging**

Fellowship Information

The Borchard Fellowship in Law & Aging affords one year for two law school graduates interested in, and perhaps already in the early stages of pursuing, an academic and/or professional career in law and aging, the opportunity to pursue their research and professional interests.

During the Fellowship period, the Center's Executive Director and Assistant Director stand ready to assist each Fellow with the further development of his/her knowledge, skills, and contacts. A licensed attorney and/or a legal services organization must supervise a Fellow's activities and projects. In addition to the Fellow's planned activities and project (unless the Fellow's project includes the provision of legal services), the Fellow must also provide some pro bono direct legal services to older persons under appropriate supervision. A Fellow is expected to provide the Center's Executive Director with monthly activities reports.

The Fellowship is \$39,000 and is intended as a full-time position only. The Fellow's sponsoring agency is responsible for providing work space, administrative support, computer, telephone, and email access, and employer's FICA payment. Fellows may live and work where they choose in the United States; Fellows must be either U.S. citizens or legal residents of the U.S.

The Fellowship period runs from July 1 to June 30 each year, or for the calendar year beginning the month after the Fellow's completion of a state Bar examination.

Examples of activities and projects by recent Borchard Fellows include:

- Writing and publication of law review articles on law and aging issues;
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- Writing and publication of state specific, consumer oriented handbooks on legal issues affecting older persons;
- Teaching elder law and related courses at law schools where fellows reside;
- Development of a non-profit senior law resource center providing direct legal services and public education
- Development of an interdisciplinary elder law clinical program at a major public university law school;
- Development of a mediation component for a legal services program elder law hotline;

- Development of an interdisciplinary project for graduate students in law, medicine, and health advocacy to foster understanding and collaboration between professions;
- Development of training materials and statewide trainings for lawyers, judges and other court personnel, and social service providers on new comprehensive state guardianship laws;
- Organizing and/or attending national conferences on law and aging issues;
- Providing supervised pro bono legal representation of older clients.

Application Process

Applicants must submit a completed application form, an explanation of the applicant's planned activities and projects, a current curriculum vitae, a law school transcript, a letter of support from the proposed supervisor, and two other letters of support. Fellowship application information and form are available at www.borchardcenter.org.

Completed applications should be sent to:

The Borchard Foundation Center on Law & Aging
Mary Jane Ciccarello, Assistant Director
335 4th Avenue
Salt Lake City, Utah 84103

Applications must be post-marked by April 15, 2008. Selections are made by June 1, 2008. For further information, please contact: Mary Jane Ciccarello, 801-532-3626, mjcr@xmission.com.

Organization: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College

Website: <http://crr.bc.edu/index.php>

Opportunities

The Center for Retirement Research offers fellowships and grants.

Dissertation Fellowship Program

Steven H. Sandell Grant Program

Steven H. Sandell Grant Program

http://crr.bc.edu/opportunities/steven_h_sandell_grant_program_4.html

The Center for Retirement Research sponsors the Steven H. Sandell Grant Program for Junior Scholars in Retirement Research on an annual basis. The program is funded by the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) to provide opportunities for junior scholars from a wide variety of academic disciplines and senior scholars working in a new area to pursue cutting-edge projects on retirement income issues. Priority research areas include:

- Social Security and retirement
- Macroeconomic analyses of Social Security
- Wealth and retirement income
- Program interactions
- International research
- Demographic research

Grant Awards

Up to eight grants of \$45,000 will be awarded based upon the proposed budget. Applicants are required to complete the research outlined in the proposal within one year of the award and to present the results to the Social Security Administration in Washington, D.C.

Submission Guidelines

It is essential for all potential applicants to read the guidelines carefully before submitting a proposal. All applicants must submit their proposals through the online submission system.

- [Sandell Guidelines](#)
- [Online Application](#)
- [Letters of Support](#)
- [Budget Matrix](#)

Contact

Please contact Steven A. Sass at 617-552-1402 or steven.sass@bc.edu with any questions regarding the 2008 Sandell Grant Program.

Dissertation Fellowship Program

http://crr.bc.edu/opportunities/dissertation_fellowship_program_4.html

The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College accepts proposals for the Dissertation Fellowship Program in Retirement Research. The annual program is funded by the U.S. Social Security Administration and provides funding opportunities for doctoral candidates to pursue exciting research on retirement income issues.

Priority research areas include:

- Social Security and retirement
- Macroeconomic analyses of Social Security
- Wealth and retirement income
- Program interactions
- International research
- Demographic research

Fellowship Awards

Up to six fellowships of \$28,000 will be awarded to doctoral candidates enrolled in an accredited program at a U.S. university.

Submission Guidelines

It is essential for all potential applicants to read the guidelines carefully before submitting a proposal. All applicants must submit their proposals through the online submission system.

- [Dissertation Fellowship Guidelines](#)
- [Online Application](#)
- [Letters of Support](#)

Contact

Please contact Steven A. Sass with any questions about the Dissertation Fellowship Program at 617-552-1402 or steven.sass@bc.edu.

Organization: Center on Demography and Economics of Aging at NORC and the University of Chicago/National Institute on Aging

**Websites: <http://www.spc.uchicago.edu/coa/index.php>
<http://www.nia.nih.gov/>**

Grants & Training

Grant Process

NIA supports research and research training related to aging; specifically, basic biological, neuroscientific, behavioral and social research on aging and intervention studies and clinical geriatric research. NIA does not support the provision of services. Although NIA's Intramural Research Program conducts research in its laboratories in Bethesda, MD, and the Gerontology Research Center in Baltimore, MD, NIA's research funding largely is extramural (see NIA's Extramural Programs). This funding supports research institutions (e.g., universities, hospitals, or similar organizations). Information on NIH's overall extramural research programs is available at the NIH Office of Extramural Research.

For more information, see the following:

Submission of Applications, Review, and Awards

(Submission of Applications from Foreign Institutions: visit the NIH Policy webpage)

Guide to Research and Training Programs in Adobe PDF (389K)

NIA Standing Review Committees and Special Emphasis Panels

(Rosters may only be complete 1 month before the review.)

Center for Scientific Review (CSR) Study Section Roster Index

Funding Opportunities

Summer Institute on Aging Research 2008

Program offering new researchers exposure to issues and challenges in research on aging. The Summer Institute features lectures, seminars, and small group discussions in research design relative to aging, including issues relevant to aging of ethnic and racial minorities. Application Receipt deadline extended from March 7th to March 21, 2008.

Research Support

Mechanisms supporting research on the aging processes, age-related diseases, and special problems and needs of older people at the postdoctoral, midcareer, and senior investigator levels. Tables providing NIA's research projects, research centers, and other research-related awards are listed. Guidelines for Program Projects (P01) also are available.

NIA Funding Opportunities

Table representing current Requests for Applications (RFAs) and Program Announcements (PAs) listed by NIA number, title, and release date.

Research Training and Career Award Support

Institutional Training Grants

Individual Fellowship Awards

Research Career Development Awards

Loan Repayment Program for Clinical Researchers

Summer Institute on Aging Research

NIA Intramural Research Program - Summer Research Opportunities

Training Opportunities for Special Populations

Specific Information for NIA New Investigators

Also please review research program priority areas for training and career development by going to the particular program sites at: <http://www.nia.nih.gov/ResearchInformation/ExtramuralPrograms/>

Organization: Charles H. Farnsworth Trust Scholars Program in Aging Policy Research (The Medical Foundation, TMF)

Website: <http://www.tmfnet.org/grantmake.html#farnsworth>

Farnsworth Trust Scholars Program in Aging Policy Research

A program of the Charles H. Farnsworth Trust

U.S. Trust Company, N.A., Trustee

Program Officer: Jeanne Brown 617-279-2240 ext. 709

The Charles H. Farnsworth Trust was established to help older adults live independently and with dignity in their communities. Managed by U.S. Trust, funds are used to support low-income housing for older adults in Boston and supplement elder care activities in communities throughout Massachusetts. From 1983 to 2004, a portion of the funds was also used to support medical research relevant to the Trust's mission. During the 2005 -2007 grant cycles, the Farnsworth Trust supported the Aging Policy Research Fellowship Program to attract new researchers into the field of aging policy.

The Farnsworth Trust Scholars Program in Aging Policy Research supported established researchers and policy analysts in the 2008 grant cycle whose work informs future policy decisions at the local and state level that impact older adults in Massachusetts. The areas of interest of the program include housing, transportation, economic security, home-based services, education and health services.

The 2008 application cycle has closed. The Farnsworth Trust Scholars Program in Aging Policy Research will not be offered for the 2009 cycle. Please check our website for future grant program information.

Organization: Commonwealth Corporation

Website: <http://www.commcorp.org/researchandevaluation/pdf/CommCorp-SEatonFship2008.pdf>

COMMONWEALTH CORPORATION

SUSAN EATON RESEARCH AND EVALUATION FELLOWSHIP 2008

In memory of Professor Susan Eaton, Commonwealth Corporation offers an annual doctoral fellowship with a focus on workforce development in the long-term care sector. Susan Eaton was Assistant Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. She was an activist and researcher who dedicated her career to work and labor issues and made important contributions to the field of workforce development in the long-term care industry in Massachusetts. She died fighting leukemia on December 30, 2003. Susan Eaton had worked with Commonwealth Corporation on research related to the Extended Care Career Ladder Initiative (ECCLI). Through both the award and the fellowship, it is the intent of Commonwealth Corporation to recognize good research and evaluation work and to encourage the development of promising researchers. The fellowship will be given for research that best exemplifies Susan's contribution to the field.

1. Criteria: The proposed work will include:

- a. Research or evaluation in the area of workforce development in the long-term care sector
- b. Integration of theory and practice
- c. A focus on relationships and practices connecting residents/clients, front-line workers, supervisors and managers, and how those practices link to quality
- d. A Massachusetts connection is required through one of the following:
 - (1) Fellowship recipient is a resident of Massachusetts; or
 - (2) Research conducted in Massachusetts: preference given to research conducted among Massachusetts long-term care facilities and/or organizations; or
 - (3) University located in Massachusetts
- e. Doctoral or post-doctoral research: Preference given to doctoral students who have received approval for the proposal for dissertation and are about to begin their research
- f. Focus on the welfare of workers preferred
- g. Qualitative field research methods preferred

2. Eligibility:

- a. The applicant must be enrolled in a full-time Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral degree program.
- b. The applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- c. The applicant must have met all academic requirements for the doctoral degree except the dissertation before the award can be disbursed.

3. Award:

- a. Amount: \$15,000 to support the researcher and research project
- b. Period: Duration of the research project, not to exceed three years
- c. Allowable expenses: Expenses directly related to research, including travel and communications, but not living expenses (e.g., rent)
- d. Recognition and plaque from Commonwealth Corporation

4. Dissemination of research:

- a. Presentation of research at Annual Workforce Development Research and Evaluation Conference
- b. Publication of research brief and working paper or report to be disseminated by Commonwealth Corporation
- c. The fellowship recipient agrees to work with Commonwealth Corporation staff to share and disseminate relevant details from his/her dissertation with Commonwealth Corporation staff and long-term care organizations in Massachusetts.

5. Application and selection process:

- a. Application deadline: OCTOBER 1, 2008
- b. The selection committee will be made up of researchers and practitioners active in long-term care and workforce development as designated by Susan Eaton's family, as well as Commonwealth Corporation staff.
- c. Applicants will be notified of the decision by December 1, 2008.
- d. Applications should be sent to:

Eaton Fellowship
Attn: Katherine Shields
Commonwealth Corporation
529 Main Street, Suite 110
Boston, MA 02129
Fax (617) 242-7660
E-mail: info@commcorp.org

COMMONWEALTH CORPORATION'S FELLOWSHIP
IN MEMORY OF SUSAN EATON
APPLICATION 2008

APPLICATION CHECKLIST: Each application packet should include:

Cover sheet

Application form

Double-spaced, typed dissertation research proposal

Applicant's curriculum vita formatted in the following order:

- o Personal data
- o Education
- o Employment history
- o Academic experience
- o Society memberships
- o Academic and professional honors
- o Publications

Official transcripts from undergraduate and graduate institutions

Three letters of recommendation:

- o One from the applicant's graduate research advisor
- o Two from other faculty members
- o Letters should address the applicant's creativity, research skills, ability to interact with academics and practitioners, and alignment with the goals of the fellowship. The letter from the graduate advisor should also describe the stage of the applicant's doctoral research work and the expected date of receiving the doctoral degree.

ELIGIBILITY:

The applicant must be enrolled in a full-time Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral degree program.

The applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

The applicant must have met all academic requirements for the doctoral degree except the dissertation before the award can be disbursed.

A Massachusetts connection through one of the following:

- o Fellowship recipient is a resident of Massachusetts; or
- o Research conducted in Massachusetts: preference given to research conducted among Massachusetts long-term care facilities and/or organizations; or
- o University located in Massachusetts.

Application deadline: **OCTOBER 1, 2008**

Applications should be sent to:

Eaton Fellowship
Attn: Katherine Shields
Commonwealth Corporation
529 Main Street, Suite 110
Boston, MA 02129
Fax (617) 242-7660
E-mail: info@commcorp.org

Organization: Margaret Clark Award, Sponsored by AAGE, Association for Anthropology and Gerontology

Website: <http://www.ioq.wayne.edu/margaretclark.php>

\$500 and \$250 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Award Competition

The 16th annual MARGARET CLARK AWARD with cash prize of \$500 for graduate and \$250 for undergraduate students is given to the outstanding paper in anthropology and gerontology. An extended summary of the winning manuscript will be published in the AAGE Newsletter. The jurors may select papers for Honorable Mention with a free AAGE year membership.

Purpose

The competition aims to support the continued pursuit of the insights and practice ideals demonstrated by Margaret Clark, a pioneer in the multidisciplinary study of socio-cultural gerontology and medical anthropology, and a scholar committed to mentoring younger colleagues.

Applicants

Contributions are invited from students of all disciplines and methods. Non-members and members are invited to apply. We welcome submissions that are research, analytic, or literary in nature, and academic, applied or practice oriented. The relation to lifespan and aging issues must be discussed. Decisions will be made solely by reference to the caliber of the manuscript. Proof of student status is requested. All submissions must be original and not previously published. The length should approximate that of a journal article.

Submission of Manuscripts

Submissions must include: (a) the application form; (b) a statement of student status signed by an institutional representative, (c) one hard copy of the manuscript and (d) a brief abstract. Text should be typed double-spaced on one side of the paper. Any standard bibliographic format may be used (e.g. American Anthropologist, American Psychological Association).

Deadline

Materials must be postmarked by June 2, 2008. Only complete submissions will be considered.

For questions, application materials, and a list of past awardees, please visit:

www.ioq.wayne.edu/margaretclark.php or, e-mail Christine Green: ab8592@wayne.edu.

Mail To

Dr. Mark Luborsky, Clark Award Chair
Institute of Gerontology
Wayne State University
87 East Ferry Street, Rm 226 Knapp Bldg
Detroit, MI 48202

Application and Instructions

For further questions, email: Christine Green: ab8592@wayne.edu.

Organization: National Science Foundation

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ddrig_contacts.jsp

About Funding

The National Science Foundation funds research and education in most fields of science and engineering. It does this through grants, and cooperative agreements to more than 2,000 colleges, universities, K-12 school systems, businesses, informal science organizations and other research organizations throughout the United States. The Foundation accounts for about one-fourth of federal support to academic institutions for basic research.

NSF receives approximately 40,000 proposals each year for research, education and training projects, of which approximately 11,000 are funded. In addition, the Foundation receives several thousand applications for graduate and postdoctoral fellowships.

The agency operates no laboratories itself but does support National Research Centers, user facilities, certain oceanographic vessels and Antarctic research stations. The Foundation also supports cooperative research between universities and industry, US participation in international scientific and engineering efforts, and educational activities at every academic level.

NSF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES/PROGRAMS

Most NSF funding opportunities are divided into broad program areas:

- Biology
- Computer and Information Sciences
- Crosscutting Programs
- Education
- Engineering
- Geosciences
- International
- Math, Physical Sciences
- Polar Research
- Science Statistics
- Social, Behavioral Sciences

Program deadline and target date information can be found on the Upcoming Due Dates list. It also appears in individual program announcements and solicitations. These publications can be found through the Funding page. To receive rapid notification of new program information by email you may subscribe to National Science Foundation Update.

Organization: Robert Morris Dissertation Support Program-Gerontology PhD Program

Website: <http://www.geront.umb.edu/dept/phdRes-resources-diss.jsp>

The Department of Gerontology offers dissertation research support to its doctoral students on a limited basis. A description of the program and the procedures for applying are given below.

Funding Levels: The maximum amount of support for a single project is \$1,500. There is no limit on the number of students supported in a given year; however, the combined value of the support will not exceed the total amount available. No obligation to spend all or any of the funds is implied. The amount of money available for this program is subject to change due to budgetary contingencies.

Eligibility: Students in the Gerontology PhD program who have completed a concept paper accepted by all members of her/his dissertation committee and who have formally constituted a dissertation committee as approved by the Graduate Program Director and the Dean of Graduate Studies are eligible to apply for these funds. Students must have completed their course work and successfully completed the qualifying paper exam to receive an award. Students may receive dissertation support only once during their program of study.

Submission Process: Four copies of the application should be submitted to the Graduate Program Director. Students are encouraged to speak with their mentor or the GPD before submitting their proposal to get feedback on the application's potential competitiveness. In addition, the student and the student's advisor must read the application and sign the appropriate form. An application form is attached. The Review Committee may seek additional information from the student if this is necessary to make an informed evaluation of the request.

Students may apply for support funds to cover dissertation-related expenses retroactively, assuming they have not already defended their final project. However, students are strongly advised to apply for funds before expenditures are made.

Review Process: Review Committees are appointed by the GPD. The Review Committee will consist of two core faculty members from the Gerontology PhD program. The Review Committee may not include members of the student's dissertation committee. In cases of a split decision, the GPD will cast the tie breaking vote. In cases where the GPD may have a conflict of interest with this process, she/he will appoint another faculty member to break the tie. If it is not possible to form an independent Review Committee, the faculty as a whole will evaluate proposals.

Deadlines for submission of applications are September 15 and January 15. The decision of the Review Committee is expected by September 30 and February 1, respectively, and students will be notified as soon as possible after the relevant review period.

Criteria to be considered by the Review Committee include scientific merit and evaluation of whether the budget is sound and appropriate to the project goals. Because the concept paper has

already been evaluated and approved by the student's dissertation committee, highest priority will be given to the appropriateness of the budget and the availability of funds.

Examples of approved budget items include: travel to collect data or interview target individuals; purchase of computer software and/or hardware (most hardware purchases remain the property of the University and will be returned upon completion of the project or termination of association with the University); purchase of data; postage; office supplies; focus group expenses; telephone costs; and other expenses deemed appropriate by the Review Committee. Funds may not be used for student income or as stipends or for travel (except as indicated above).

Application form/Cover sheet: http://www.geront.umb.edu/dept/docs/rmorris_dsp_appform.pdf

Gerontology Department Awards:

<http://www.geront.umb.edu/dept/gerontAwards.jsp>

1. The Department of Gerontology establishes the Gerontology Dissertation Book Award to be presented to a graduating doctoral student for the completion of an outstanding dissertation project. The award is a book chosen by the student. Eligibility for the award includes those students who graduate either during the December or June graduation periods. The Book Award will normally be presented at Graduate Convocation at the end of the spring semester. Nominations for the award will be made by the respective dissertation committee chairs. An ad hoc committee of two faculty members chosen by the Graduate Program Director will review the dissertations and recommend an award recipient.
2. The Department of Gerontology establishes the Gerontology Scholarship Award to be presented to a PhD, Masters (Research Policy Track) or Certificate student (Research Policy Track) for an original paper that shows scholarly rigor and makes a contribution to the discipline. A certificate of achievement will be presented to the award winner during June graduation. Any paper produced for a graduate gerontology course during a calendar year is eligible for this award. For second-year papers and papers produced for the advanced policy course, students will self-nominate. For papers produced for other courses, faculty will nominate. Only one paper per student per year may be nominated. A student may be nominated more than once during her/his career and a student may win the award more than once. An ad hoc committee of two faculty members chosen by the Graduate Program Director will review the nominated papers and recommend an award recipient.
3. The Department of Gerontology establishes the Gerontology Capstone Project Award to be presented to a Masters student in the Management of Aging Services track. The award will be a book chosen by the student and presented during June graduation. The instructor for the Capstone Course may nominate up to three papers completed during a calendar year for the award. An ad hoc committee of two faculty members (at least one of whom teaches in the Management of Aging Services track) chosen by the Graduate Program Director will review the nominated papers and recommend an award recipient.
4. The Department of Gerontology establishes the Gerontology Service Award to be presented to a doctoral student making satisfactory progress in the PhD program who exhibits outstanding contributions to the Department, the University, and the discipline. The award includes a prize of \$200 to be presented at June graduation. The award should be used for the student's professional development, including but not limited to travel reimbursement to support

attendance at the annual meetings of the *Gerontological Society of America* or for other items that are generally deemed appropriate for the professional development of the student. The Graduate Program Director will determine which items qualify. The Graduate Program Director will nominate one or more students for the award based on activity during the current academic year. The Graduate Program Director will assemble evidence of nominees' contributions for review by the faculty. Award winners will be determined by the faculty during the final faculty meeting of the spring semester.

Organization: The Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant

Website: <http://www.elderhostel.org/grants/>

Overview

The Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant was founded to aid doctoral students researching topics relevant to aging and later-life learning. This \$5,000 grant honors the work of K. Patricia Cross, PhD, former Elderhostel Board Member and Professor Emerita at the Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Berkeley.

We encourage graduate students whose doctoral research focuses on topics relevant to Elderhostel or later-life learning to apply. This is the second year Elderhostel is offering the grant.

Grant Specifications

This \$5,000 grant may be used in any way that aids the recipient in either the completion or publication of their research and dissertation results. Last year's winner will be using the grant to publish her dissertation research and results.

The Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant recipient will be determined by a selection committee consisting of professors, practitioners and other leaders in the field of later-life learning.

Contact Us

Should you have any questions concerning the Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant, please feel free to email grants@elderhostel.org.

Organization: The Gerontological Society of America, GSA

Website: <http://www.geron.org/default.asp>

Grants and Research Opportunities in Aging:

1. National Institutes of Health Resources for New Investigators

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/index.htm

2. University of Wisconsin-Madison WLS Pilot Grant Program

<http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/wlsresearch/pilot/>

Organization: The John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program

Website: <http://www.heinzfamily.org/programs/senatefellowship.html>

The John Heinz Senate Fellowship in Issues of the Aging

The John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program provides an opportunity for mid-career professionals in aging to learn public policy as a member of the U.S. Senate staff. Intended as a career development opportunity for professionals in the field of aging, the program will provide first-hand knowledge in the development and advancement of public policy and legislation that will improve the quality of life for older Americans.

The John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program is funded by the United States Senate and the Teresa and H. John Heinz III Foundation, and administered by the Heinz Family Foundation.

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Organization: UMass Boston Graduate Student Assembly

Website: <http://www.gsa.umb.edu/programs.htm>

The Graduate Student Assembly provides programs and services pertaining to our mission of enhancing the academic and professional development of our graduate student community here at UMass Boston. Programs include hosting workshops during the annual Graduate Academic Conference and providing a Distinguished Speaker Series during Spring Semester. The GSA also provides several funding opportunities for graduate students including the Spayne and Bollinger grants to support Master's and Doctoral research, Professional Development Grants to provide opportunities to attend academic conferences. See below for details about these programs and grants.

Professional Development Grant (PDG)

Apply for a Professional Development Grant (PDG) from the GSA!

The PDG represents the largest program expenditure of the GSA. The GSA allocates funds to reimburse matriculated graduate students who attend or present their research at conferences and professional meetings related to their field of study. A student presenting a paper or poster can be rewarded up to \$500 to aid trip expenses. A student not presenting a paper or poster can be rewarded up to \$400 to aid trip expenses. Program details, reward breakdown, and program guidelines and application requirements can be downloaded at <http://www.gsa.umb.edu/programs.htm> .

(Please drop applications off at the Students Activities and Leadership Office on the 3 rd floor CC- just ask the front desk will time stamp your application and place the materials in the GSA mailbox).

Spayne Master's Thesis/Project Grant

The Dr. Robert W. Spayne Research Grant (for work leading to a Master's thesis) is a competitive grant awarded to assist students in defraying research expenses. Up to four grants of \$1000 (maximum) are awarded each fall and spring semester by a committee of UMass graduate students, faculty and staff.

Bollinger Doctoral Thesis Grant

The Craig R. Bollinger Memorial Research Grant (for work leading to a Doctoral Dissertation) is a competitive grant awarded to assist students in defraying research expenses. Up to four grants of \$1000 (maximum) are awarded each fall and spring semester by a committee of UMass graduate students, faculty and staff.

Chancellor's Distinguished Dissertation and Thesis Awards

For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Studies, 617-287-5700
<http://www.umb.edu/academics/graduate/>

Form and Application:

http://www2.www.umb.edu/form/forms/distinguished_dissertation_award_07.pdf