

Bauer Doctoral Research Grant Guidelines

Purpose: To provide "seed money" in support of research and scholarship by doctoral students

Description: The goal of the program is to support and encourage the development of strong programs of research and creative scholarship by doctoral students at the Bauer College.

The Bauer Doctoral Research Grants are considered "seed money" for research, in that they should lead to the growth and development of continuing research programs. The funds cannot be used as travel funds to attend professional meetings and must be used by June 2016. All proposals will be reviewed by the members of the PhD committee and will be considered in light of available funds.

Eligibility:

- Full time doctoral students
- Engaging in dissertation-related or other research overseen by a Bauer faculty member in which the proposing student is the lead author.
- Research proposals must have a Human Subjects (IRB) approval, where applicable.
- In a given year, only one proposal may be submitted by any eligible doctoral student. If appropriate, proposals may be submitted jointly by more than one student, but no student may serve as primary proposer on more than one project, whether joint or single.

Proposal Details: There is no required standard format for research proposals, although clarity and brevity are appreciated. In addition to a cover letter, submissions should include:

- A one-page summary overview.
- A background section giving a brief review of the relevant literature and a statement of how the proposed research is expected to contribute to knowledge and improve business practice
- A list of research questions, models, or hypotheses describing the issues to be studied, the researchers' initial insights or beliefs, and what should be learned from the study
- A detailed description of research design and methodology
- A timetable, including dates for key research milestones, deliverables, and an expected completion date
- Funding or support needs (typically, an itemized budget)
- A statement by the Bauer faculty member involved that includes expected outcomes or new knowledge, such as a new definition or framework, a new methodology, a better understanding of a process. In other words, the key contribution of the work to the field.

- Vita(e) of the researcher(s), as well as a short biographical note on each of the authors. The doctoral student needs to be the lead author on the project.

Budget/Funding Guidelines

In general, grants are expected to be in the approximate range of \$250 to \$2500. Bauer Doctoral Research Grants will provide support for the following categories of expenditure:

- General expenses of research, such as supplies, materials, participant recruitment that are essential to the project (publication charges are not permitted).
- Equipment essential to the research being proposed. Equipment requests should relate to a particular project, even though the equipment may be used beyond its conclusion. Equipment requests should be accompanied by an explanation of how the equipment can be used by other members of the Bauer research community.
- Travel costs to professional meetings will not be funded through this grant.
- Labor costs for personnel essential to the project, such as hiring research assistants.
- Funds must be used by June 2016. Unused funds do not carry over to the next year.
- There is no guarantee that the proposal request will be funded or funded in full. The grant money awarded will be at the discretion of the Bauer PhD committee.

Deadline: The deadline to submit a proposal for the Bauer Doctoral Research grant will be Monday January 9, 2017 by 12 noon. Please email the complete grant proposal to doctoral@uh.edu.