



THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR COLLEGE STUDENT AFFAIRS

RESEARCH GRANT

The Southern Association for College Student Affairs (SACSA) encourages research in student affairs theory and practice by annually awarding a research incentive grant. The approximate monetary grant(s) (up to \$500) will be presented at the fall 2014 conference. College student affairs professionals and graduate students working on a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation are eligible to compete for the award. The recipient must be from the SACSA region (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

August 1, 2014

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Submit a description of the research project, including title, research question(s), population, instruments, method, timetable, relevance to student affairs research or practice, and an itemized budget. Submissions will be reviewed based on the criteria below and should be no longer than 5 word-processed, double-spaced pages. Graduate students must also include a letter of support from their faculty advisor/chair. Submit proposals in Microsoft Word as an e-mail attachment to maryv@westga.edu by August 1, 2014. **Applicants are required to be SACSA members in order to receive this award.**

CRITERIA FOR REVIEW OF RESEARCH GRANT:

1. Significance of the research (to include):
 - Contribution to the field of student affairs
 - Timeliness of the topic
 - Magnitude of the issue
 - Extent to which the research provides new information or strategies

2. Quality of research design (to include):
 - Appropriateness of research design
 - Appropriate use of quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods

3. Overall presentation (to include):
 - Writing (clarity, grammar, etc.)
 - Organization
 - Professionalism

OBLIGATIONS OF RECIPIENTS

Within a year of receiving the grant, the recipient must either make a presentation about the research at the SACSA conference or submit an article about the research for possible publication in the *College Student Affairs Journal*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact Dr. Mary Alice Varga at maryv@westga.edu.