



## 2017 RESEARCH GRANT AWARD CALL FOR PROPSOALS

SACSA encourages scholarly inquiry among its membership by annually awarding small grants to advance proposed research projects. Any individual or research team may apply for these competitive grants. The typical award granted a single project is \$500. However, the selection committee may choose to award funds in excess of this amount to grant proposals they feel are exceptional. Multiple research grants may be awarded in a given year depending on the availability of funding and the discretion of the selection committee.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- The individual submitting the proposal must be a SACSA member at the time of the application.
- At least one applicant on the proposal must be affiliated with an institution located in 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) while actively engaged in the proposed research.
- The proposed research must advance inquiry related to the field of student affairs and be relevant to the SACSA membership.

### EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated by committee, ranked, and selected based on the following criteria:

- **Significance of Research**  
*Timeliness of the topic, magnitude of the issue, extent to which the research provides new information or strategies related to student affairs theory/practice.*
- **Alignment with SACSA's Mission**  
*Relevance of research to the SACSA region and/or SACSA's membership. Alignment with at least one of SACSA's core values: inclusiveness, professionalism, collegiality.*
- **Quality of Scholarly Evidence**  
*Strength of the scholarly evidence used to support a need for the research and explain key concepts related to the research.*
- **Quality of Research Design**  
*Strength of proposed data selection, collection, organization, and analysis strategies to answer proposed research question(s). Appropriate use of quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods to carry out the research.*
- **Timeline & Resources**  
*Feasibility that the outlined timeline and resources will be sufficient to carry out the proposed research.*
- **Overall Proposal Presentation**  
*Strength of writing technique (e.g., grammar, clarity, organization) and APA style citations/references.*



## APPLICATION

Grant proposals should be no more than five pages double-spaced (not including cover page, references, or appendices). The proposal should include the following:

- A cover page detailing the research proposal title, name of primary contact for the research team, institution of primary contact, e-mail address of primary contact, phone number of primary contact, names of all members of the research team, and institution of each member of the research team.
- Introduction to topic highlighting why the research is important to student affairs practice and how the research aligns with at least one of SACSA's core values.
- Brief literature review of the topic detailing the importance of the research and key concepts related to the research.
- Brief discussion of the proposed methodology for the study (if an instrument has been designed/selected, please include it as an appendix).
- Detailed, *full* budget for the project, noting which portions would be funded using the SACSA Research Grant (should it be awarded) vs. other funding sources (if applicable).
- Proposed plan to disseminate research findings to the SACSA membership.
- Brief description of the researcher(s) credential(s) in relation to the proposed research project.

## DEADLINE & SUBMISSION

Grant proposals are due no later than August 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m., and should be submitted via email attachment as a document in Microsoft Word to Dr. Danielle K. Molina at [DMolina@colled.msstate.edu](mailto:DMolina@colled.msstate.edu). Please make the subject of your e-mail submission "SACSA 2017 RESEARCH GRANT SUBMISSION". A decision regarding award of the grants will be made prior to the SACSA 2017 conference. Grant recipients will be recognized at the SACSA 2017 conference and grant funding will be awarded at that time.

## AWARD & RECIPIENT OBLIGATIONS

The award recipient(s) will be recognized and conferred the awarded funding at the Fall 2017 SACSA conference. Research grant awardee(s) will be required to submit a status report to SACSA one year after receiving the funding and are encouraged to submit a conference proposal for the 2018 SACSA conference.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct any additional questions to Dr. Danielle K. Molina, Chair of the SACSA Research and Assessment Committee, at [DMolina@colled.msstate.edu](mailto:DMolina@colled.msstate.edu).