ARNOVA is proud to invite nominations and applications for our 2016 Annual Conference. Please notice the different submission dates for both rounds of awards/scholarship.

**Submission opens on February 29, 2016 and closes on May 17, 2016 for the following Awards**

**DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP IN NONPROFIT & VOLUNTARY ACTION RESEARCH AWARD**

**GABRIEL G. RUDNEY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR AN OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION IN NONPROFIT & VOLUNTARY ACTION RESEARCH**

**OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD IN NONPROFIT & VOLUNTARY ACTION RESEARCH**

**VIRGINIA A. HODGKINSON RESEARCH BOOK PRIZE**

**RGK-ARNOVA PRESIDENT’S AWARD**

**Submission opens on May 9, 2016 and closes on August 31, 2016 for the following Awards**

**CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP AND TRAVEL GRANT**

**DIVERSITY SCHOLARS AND LEADERS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

**DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR**

**EMERGING SCHOLARS AWARD**

APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR EACH OPPORTUNITY IS INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT. Please note: late or incomplete nominations/applications will not be considered.
**Distinguished Achievement and Leadership in Nonprofit & Voluntary Action Research**

The Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award is awarded for major contributions to the field through research and leadership. Nominees need not be members of ARNOVA but is expected to receive the award in person at the time of presentation at the Annual Conference.

**Requirements**

Two (2) Letters of Nominations *one letter must come from a different institutional base than that of the nominee and one must be from an ARNOVA member. Self-nominations will not be considered.

The Nominee’s Curriculum Vitae

All required documents should be submitted in a single PDF formatted file to assure their integrity. *Word documents will not be considered.*

**AWARD AMOUNT:** $1000  
**SUBMISSION OPEN:** February 29, 2016  
**DEADLINE:** May 17, 2016  
**AWARDEE NOTIFICATION:** September 12, 2016  
**TO APPLY:** [http://www.arnova.org/?page=awards](http://www.arnova.org/?page=awards)

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**GABRIEL G. RUDNEY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR AN OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION IN NONPROFIT & VOLUNTARY ACTION RESEARCH**

The Outstanding Dissertation is awarded annually for a Ph.D. dissertation completed and/or defended in the three years prior to the award (2013, 2014, and 2015). Dissertations that contribute to the advancement of theory, conceptualization, research, or practice closely related to nonprofit organizations or voluntary action are eligible. Nominations are especially invited in the areas where Gabe Rudney made significant research contributions during his lifetime: patterns of giving, tax policy and charitable giving and the nonprofit sector, economic contributions of the sector, or comparative international studies.

**Requirements**

Letter from Advisor explaining the nature of the work and how well it meets criteria for excellence in its field.  
An Extended Abstract, approximately five (5) pages. *Nominees should be prepared to send a copy of the full dissertation upon request.*

Award recipient is required to attend the ARNOVA Awards Luncheon on Friday, November 18, 2016 at the Hyatt Capitol Hill in Washington DC. They will also serve on a panel to present their award winning research as part of a mini-plenary on the same day.

All required documents should be submitted (by the Advisor or Nominee) in a single PDF formatted file to assure their integrity. *Word documents will not be considered.*

**AWARD AMOUNT:** $1,000  
**SUBMISSION OPEN:** February 29, 2016  
**DEADLINE:** May 17, 2016  
**AWARDEE NOTIFICATION:** September 12, 2016  
**TO APPLY:** [http://www.arnova.org/?page=awards](http://www.arnova.org/?page=awards)
OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD IN NONPROFIT & VOLUNTARY ACTION RESEARCH

This award is given for a single book, monograph, or edited book published in the three calendar years preceding the award (2013, 2014, and 2015). Books that contribute to the advancement of theory, research, or practice are eligible. *Books developed as textbooks, journalistic accounts, and guides not based on systematic research are not eligible.* Edited volumes are eligible for the award.

Nominations from publishers are welcome and should submit eleven (11) copies of the book with a nomination letter. Books with nomination letter from publishers should be sent directly to the address below.

Submit letter of nomination by email to bookawards@arnova.org with Outstanding Book in the Subject Line.

*Please include name, email address, mailing address, institution, and phone number for both nominee and nominator(s).*

Mailing Address for Books
ARNOVA Outstanding Book Award
441 West Michigan Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

**AWARD AMOUNT:** $500  
**SUBMISSION OPEN:** February 29, 2016  
**DEADLINE:** May 17, 2016  
**AWARDEE NOTIFICATION:** September 12, 2016

VIRGINIA A. HODGKINSON RESEARCH BOOK PRIZE

The Virginia Hodgkinson Research Book Prize is given to the best book on philanthropy and the nonprofit sector that informs policy and practice. The prize is awarded in honor of Virginia Hodgkinson’s pioneering research on philanthropy and nonprofit organizations. Books must have been published within the three calendar years preceding the award (2013, 2014, and 2015). Books can be considered more than once. Entries must be published by a university press or commercial publishing house.

Submissions from any discipline and multi-disciplinary approaches are welcome; and submissions are encouraged from young scholars, practitioners working with other researchers. *Prior prize recipients are ineligible for a five-year period after their award is received.*

Nominations from publishers are welcome and should submit eleven (11) copies of the book with a nomination letter. Books with nomination letter from publishers should be sent directly to the address below.

Submit letter of nomination by email to bookawards@arnova.org with Hodgkinson Book in the Subject Line.

*Please include name, email address, mailing address, institution, and phone number for both nominee and nominator(s).*

Award recipient is required to attend the ARNOVA Awards Luncheon on Friday, November 18, 2016 at the Hyatt Capitol Hill in Washington DC. *They will also serve on a panel to present their award winning research as part of a mini-plenary on the same day.*

Mailing Address for Books
ARNOVA Hodgkinson Research Book Award
441 West Michigan Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

**AWARD AMOUNT:** $1000  
**SUBMISSION OPEN:** February 29, 2016  
**DEADLINE:** May 17, 2016  
**AWARDEE NOTIFICATION:** September 12, 2016
**RGK-ARNOVA PRESIDENT’S AWARD**

The RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service at the University of Texas at Austin and the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action [ARNOVA] offer this annual award to encourage innovative, foundational research in the field of nonprofit and philanthropic studies. This is not a typical research grant. The RGK-ARNOVA President’s Award provides a $10,000 prize to a member of ARNOVA to support basic research and theory building in the field of philanthropic, nonprofit and voluntary action studies. We are looking for new, creative work, and especially encourage projects that incorporate and apply insights, frameworks and theories from the social sciences to the study of nonprofit organizations, philanthropy and volunteerism. One grant is made each year, assuming a worthy proposal is submitted.

The Award recipient will be expected to produce a working paper that can be made available on the RGK Center website (www.rgkcenter.org) when finished, and a presentation of that paper that can be made at the ARNOVA Conference the year it is completed. The recipient will be expected to produce the final paper within 12 months of the announcement of the Award.

**Requirements**

**Proposals should not exceed 5 pages in length, single-spaced.** It should describe the concepts, issues or problem to be explored, and the theoretical framework for that exploration. The author may attach a summary of literature that their project will draw on and include a letter describing the author’s background and experience and how that prepares them to undertake this research successfully. A brief budget may be submitted that shows how the awards funds will be used, but a budget is not necessary.

**The proposal narrative** should describe the character of and approach to the research to be pursued. If it involves data gathering and analysis, the proposal should describe data sources the project will use (or develop), and the methodologies to be employed in collection and analysis. It should explain the expected significance of this research and how it will advance a broader and deeper understanding of one or more of the important elements of philanthropy, nonprofits, voluntary action or civil society.

**The proposer’s Curriculum Vitae**

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All proposals must be submitted electronically in a single PDF formatted file to assure their integrity. *Word documents will not be considered.*

An Awards Committee composed of former Presidents of ARNOVA will review applications and make the selection.

**AWARD AMOUNT:** $10,000  
**SUBMISSION OPEN:** February 29, 2016  
**DErepository** May 17, 2016  
**AWARDEE NOTIFICATION:** July 6, 2016  
**TO APPLY:** [http://www.arnova.org/?page=awards](http://www.arnova.org/?page=awards)
EMERGING SCHOLARS AWARD

ARNOVA’s Emerging Scholars Awards are designed to help develop the next generation of scholars, foster dissemination of research into practice, and enhance practitioner involvement in the creation of usable knowledge. The program provides funds to enable students and new scholars (those in their first year of appointment in academic or practice positions) to attend ARNOVA’s 45th Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

Please note: This award is available only to those persons who have a paper accepted for the 2016 ARNOVA Conference.

Criteria include:

- Relevance of research to the field of nonprofit and voluntary action studies
- Stage of research development
- Demonstrated interest in nonprofit organizations and voluntary action (e.g., courses taken, adaptations of course work, work experience, voluntary action, and current research agenda)
- Quality of conference proposal
- Letter of recommendation

The committee encourages applications from a wide variety of fields, as well as from women and people of color. Because financial resources for this award are limited, the committee encourages applications from people for whom this award would make a difference. Winners of the 2015 Emerging Scholars Award are NOT eligible to apply for the 2016 Emerging Scholars Award. The 2016 Emerging Scholar Awards Committee will be chaired by an experienced scholar who is a member of ARNOVA. S/he will be joined by others with wide experience in the field.

Requirements

1. Cover letter: A cover letter that introduces who you are, describes your qualifications for the award, and why this award would make a financial difference. Include the following information:
   a. Do you already have financial support for attending this conference? If so, please identify the source of funding and the amount given
   b. Are you applying for support beyond this application? If so, please indicate the funding source and amount sought

2. Copy of your 2016 ARNOVA Conference proposal

3. Copy of your 2016 letter of acceptance from the Conference Committee Chairs

4. A letter of recommendation: For graduate students, letter should be from a faculty member. For practitioners or those in their first year of an academic appointment, the letter can be from someone who knows your research/work

5. A resume, containing a mailing address, email address, and telephone number where you can be reached in September

6. For graduate students, an official copy of your transcript. For practitioners or academicians in their first year of employment, a letter verifying that you are in your first year of appointment (academic or practice)

7. Must be an ARNOVA member with an active membership at time of application.

AWARD AMOUNT: $500 and complimentary conference registration
SUBMISSION OPEN: May 9, 2016
DEADLINE: August 31, 2016
AWARDEE NOTIFICATION: October 7, 2016
TO APPLY: http://www.arnova.org/?page=awards
DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR I

ARNOVA offers a unique fellowship opportunity for doctoral students writing a dissertation on a topic in nonprofit or philanthropic studies. Fellows will have the chance to get important feedback on their research and funding to attend the 45th Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

The Doctoral Fellowship Seminar is a one-day gathering designed to provide intellectual and research advice and mentoring and networking opportunities to Ph.D. candidates pursuing studies related to the fields of nonprofit, voluntary action, or civil society studies. The Seminar will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, the day prior to the start of the ARNOVA’s 2016 Conference. This will include a group of up to 20 selected fellows as well as several senior scholars.

Twenty fellowships are available for scholars who have completed their comprehensive exams and successfully defended their dissertation proposal.

Students will make brief presentations on their research and receive feedback from several senior scholars in the field and their fellow doctoral students. In 2016, the ARNOVA Doctoral Fellowship Seminars will be chaired by Kirsten Gronbjerg, Indiana University and Jeffrey Brudney, University of North Carolina Wilmington.

The ARNOVA Doctoral Fellowship Seminar award will provide each recipient with $500 to offset the cost of travel and lodging at the Seminar and ARNOVA conference. In addition, fellows will receive free registration to attend the 2016 ARNOVA conference. Selected Seminar students will be expected to participate in the full 2016 ARNOVA Conference, which runs from November 17-19, offering fellows additional opportunities to learn about important issues in nonprofit research.

Requirements
1. **Approved dissertation proposals** with preference given to applicants in the early to mid-stages of their research. Fellows may come from any country, institution and academic discipline. The research must be focused on a topic related to philanthropy, voluntary action, civil society and the nonprofit sector. Focus areas might include nonprofit institutions (e.g., hospitals, human service agencies, arts organizations, religious groups); or phenomena like civic advocacy, pro-social behavior and social capital; or issues related to nonprofit management, public policy and intersectoral relations. The scope of the studies may include these organizations or activities in the U.S. or other countries.

2. **A three (3) page (maximum) description of their dissertation project** with an explanation of why participation in this seminar would be particularly helpful to their development as a scholar.

3. **Letter of recommendation from their dissertation advisor** which confirms that a dissertation proposal has been approved.  
   Please Note: Selected students will provide an 8-10 page summary of the current status of their research and issues encountered **no later than October 21, 2016**, so that all participants can review and be prepared to offer useful feedback

AWARD AMOUNT: $500 and complimentary conference registration
SUBMISSION OPEN: May 9, 2016
DEADLINE: August 31, 2016
AWARDEE NOTIFICATION: October 7, 2016
AWARDEE SUMMARIES DUE: October 21, 2016
TO APPLY: [http://www.arnova.org/?page=awards](http://www.arnova.org/?page=awards)
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The Doctoral Fellowship Seminar is a one-day gathering designed to provide intellectual and research advice and mentoring and networking opportunities to Ph.D. candidates pursuing studies related to the fields of nonprofit, voluntary action, or civil society studies. The Seminar will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, the day prior to the start of the ARNOVA’s 2016 Conference. This will include a group of up to 10 selected fellows as well as several senior scholars.

Scholars that have successfully passed their comprehensive examinations leading to the PhD but have yet to defend their proposal are eligible for Doctoral Fellowship Seminar II.

Students will make brief presentations on their research and receive feedback from several senior scholars in the field and their fellow doctoral students. In 2016, the ARNOVA Doctoral Fellowship Seminars will be chaired by Femida Handy, University of Pennsylvania.

The ARNOVA Doctoral Fellowship Seminar award will provide each recipient with $250 to offset the cost of travel and lodging at the Seminar and ARNOVA conference. In addition, fellows will receive free registration to attend the 2016 ARNOVA conference. Selected Seminar students will be expected to participate in the full 2016 ARNOVA Conference, which runs from November 17-19, offering fellows additional opportunities to learn about important issues in nonprofit research.

Requirements

4. **Dissertation proposals** with preference given to applicants in the early to mid-stages of their research. Fellows may come from any country, institution and academic discipline. The research must be focused on a topic related to philanthropy, voluntary action, civil society and the nonprofit sector. Focus areas might include nonprofit institutions (e.g., hospitals, human service agencies, arts organizations, religious groups); or phenomena like civic advocacy, pro-social behavior and social capital; or issues related to nonprofit management, public policy and intersectoral relations. The scope of the studies may include these organizations or activities in the U.S. or other countries.

5. **A three (3) page (maximum) description of their dissertation project** with an explanation of why participation in this seminar would be particularly helpful to their development as a scholar.

6. **Letter of recommendation from their dissertation advisor** which confirms that the student has completed their comprehensive exams but have not defended their proposal.

   **Please Note:** Selected students will provide an 8-10 page summary of the current status of their research and issues encountered no later than October 21, 2016, so that all participants can review and be prepared to offer useful feedback.

**AWARD AMOUNT:** $250 and complimentary conference registration

**SUBMISSION OPEN:** May 9, 2016

**DEADLINE:** August 31, 2016

**AWARDEE NOTIFICATION:** October 7, 2016

**AWARDEE SUMMARIES DUE:** October 21, 2016

**TO APPLY:** [http://www.arnova.org/?page=awards](http://www.arnova.org/?page=awards)
CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAVEL GRANTS

ARNOVA provides scholarship support to assist individuals to attend ARNOVA’s 45th Annual Conference. Though our resources are limited, we particularly hope to make it possible for people of limited means to participate in this important event.

We especially encourage applications from under-represented minority students and faculty; US and international doctoral students studying philanthropy, civil society, nonprofit organizations, and related topics; unemployed ARNOVA members; and practitioners in nonprofit organizations.

Scholarships include remission of conference registration fees and a travel stipend of up to $250. All travel stipends will be provided at the Conference and the registration fee will be refunded after the Conference. Priority will be given to presenters at the Annual Conference, first-time attendees, and individuals who have not received a scholarship award since 2013.

Only applicants who are ARNOVA members, pre-registered to attend the full Annual Conference (November 17-19) are eligible to receive scholarship and travel grant assistance.

Please be prepared to provide the following information online:

• Proof of ARNOVA membership status and Conference registration
• Anticipated participation in the conference (e.g. presenter, attendee, panel chair, etc.) and the nature of your work in the nonprofit sector (i.e. student, faculty, researcher, practitioner, etc.)
• Personal demographic information
• A brief statement (400 words maximum) describing your nonprofit and voluntary sector research interests or work and how attendance at this conference could benefit your research, teaching, study or work at a nonprofit organization
• Anticipated expenses for hotel, flight/travel, and related conference expenses
• Information about other sources of financial support (source and quantity of support), if any
• A brief statement (100 words maximum) describing your need for support
• A brief and current curriculum vita, including your current work position and 1-2 additional relevant work positions, 4-5 recent publications, if any, and any additional information you deem relevant.

AWARD AMOUNT: $250 and complimentary conference registration
SUBMISSION OPEN: May 9, 2016
DEADLINE: August 31, 2016
AWARDEE NOTIFICATION: October 7, 2016
TO APPLY: http://www.arnova.org/?page=awards
DIVERSITY SCHOLARS & LEADERS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
The Diversity Scholars and Leaders Professional Development Workshop focuses on helping emerging scholars from underrepresented groups prepare to enter the field of nonprofit, philanthropic, and voluntary action studies. The program includes a Professional Development Workshop (PDW) to be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 as a pre-session of the ARNOVA Annual Conference in Washington, DC. The focus of the PDW is on preparing participants who are beginning master or doctoral level education and research.

Diversity Scholars and Leaders will receive a travel stipend of $250 to assist with costs incurred. Additionally, Diversity Scholars and Leaders will receive remission of conference fee registration to attend the 2016 ARNOVA Annual Conference.

To qualify for the Diversity Scholars and Leaders Program, applicants must be enrolled in or considering enrollment in an accredited graduate program with a focus on philanthropic, nonprofit or voluntary action studies (preference will be given to those already pursuing doctoral studies in these areas). The selection committee actively seeks applications from persons of traditionally underrepresented groups.

AWARD AMOUNT: $250 and complimentary conference registration
SUBMISSION OPEN: May 9, 2016
DEADLINE: August 31, 2016
AWARDEE NOTIFICATION: October 7, 2016
TO APPLY: http://www.arnova.org/?page=awards

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR GENERAL QUESTIONS ON ALL OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE CONTACT:

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