



Call for Proposals RDI Graduate Student Small Grant Program

RDI invites proposals for graduate student research projects that will enhance research activity bearing directly on its mission:

Our mission is to promote understanding of and to generate new knowledge about race and human difference in a rapidly diversifying world. We operate with the understanding that race and intersecting dimensions of human difference remain central to not only how we understand and relate to ourselves and others but also fundamentally shape access to resources. RDI builds upon Emory's strengths in pioneering new knowledge, methods, and technologies related to race and difference and our location in a major urban metropolitan city of the U.S. South. These strengths uniquely equip Emory with the capacity to link local and global issues toward an enhanced understanding of and ability to effectively address persisting inequities.

Awards are intended to support expenses directly related to graduate student research and will not be made for **travel to conferences or other non-research related expenses**.

Eligibility

The funds are available to all students enrolled in graduate programs at Emory University. To receive an award a student must be in good standing, both in the graduate school and in his or her program.

Applying

These funds are awarded on the basis of two general considerations: the merit of the proposed activity and the relationship of the proposed activity to the RDI mission*.

Application – Applications should include the following:

1. **A project description** (no more than 1500 words): Summarize your research question, the project's theoretical foundations, and the significance of the project. Be sure to describe the research you intend to conduct, including when and where you intend to conduct it, how it relates to RDI's mission, and your qualifications and preparations for conducting the proposed research
 - ***If this is a training proposal*** be sure to describe the skill you seek to acquire; explain why this skill is necessary for your research; explain how this skill

will help you to advance scholarship on race and difference; and indicate why you cannot use existing Emory resources to acquire this skill or knowledge.

2. Budget

In a separate document, provide a budget that specifies how you propose to spend the money, and provide documents to support your budgeted amounts.

Proposed projects must expend funds by 8/1/2010. Project budgets cannot exceed \$2000 in direct costs and investigators may request support for any activity that directly relates to the successful conduct of the project. There are no indirect costs paid on RDI Seed Grants. Budget items may include such things as support for data entry, interview transcription, data acquisition, access to restricted-use data, travel costs related to data collection or meetings with collaborators. The initiative will not pay for computer equipment when that computing can reasonably be accomplished with the existing equipment at the University.

3. Documentation of previous internal and external support

Please provide information about internal and external sources of funding you have applied to or plan to apply to for support of the proposed project.

4. Letter of Support from Advisor

Please provide a letter of support from your faculty advisor speaking to the merits of the proposed project and your good standing in the program.

Proposal Deadlines

Proposal review will begin **February 19, 2010** and will continue on a rolling basis until all funds are expended. Highest priority will be given to proposals submitted by February 19th. Proposals submitted after February 19th will be reviewed as received until funds are expended. Please allow several weeks for the review process.

Review and Selection

RDI Project Director will screen all submitted proposals to determine whether the proposals meet the program's goals. Proposals that are deemed to be outside the scope of the Initiative's mission will be removed from further consideration. Proposals that pass this initial screening will undergo formal review by the RDI Faculty Leaders.

The amount of an award depends on the research and training requirements, the student's stage in PhD preparation, and the amount of previous training and research support from RDI. The RDI faculty committee looks for ways in which external support and previous PDS support has been used to position the student for the proposed research.

Send completed proposals to:

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