



The Office of University Partnerships

The Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program is one of several initiatives administered by HUD's Office of University Partnerships (OUP). Established in 1994, OUP is a catalyst for joining colleges and universities with their communities in a shared search for answers to pressing urban problems.



Further Information

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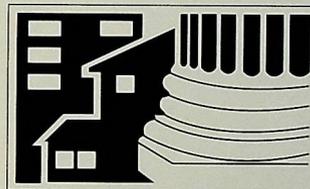
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DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

*Empowering a New Generation
of Urban Scholars*



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Through its Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is empowering a new generation of urban scholars to develop and conduct applied research in the fields of housing and community development. This program, administered by HUD's Office of University Partnerships:

- Supports research and writing of doctoral dissertations on policy-relevant topics.
- Offers new scholars a forum for sharing their research findings.
- Focuses attention on research that offers insight into the very real problems facing our communities.



Program Requirements

HUD competitively awards one-time grants of \$25,000 to doctoral candidates currently enrolled in accredited programs. The number of grants awarded depends on the level of funding each year. These grants are unrestricted in their use, provided that they support the timely completion of the dissertation. Each applicant must have a fully developed and approved dissertation proposal that addresses policy-relevant

issues in housing and urban development. Women and minority students are encouraged to apply.

In addition, HUD requires that universities attended by the grant recipients support their research by contributing a substantial waiver of tuition and fees. This support must be made available in addition to any assistance (for example, physical working space) that the universities would otherwise provide.



Research Themes

HUD supports research on topics that explore issues relevant to its mission of helping cities overcome fundamental "opportunity gaps" in employment, housing, and metropolitan development:

- Making rental housing more affordable.
- Helping cities remain competitive in their regional economies.
- Implementing a variety of approaches to promoting fair housing and housing for the elderly and disabled.
- Improving community quality of life and economic vitality.

The Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program was created to support applicants researching a wide range of issues. HUD welcomes applications from students in any academic discipline who can provide policy-relevant insight on research issues encompassed in HUD's mission and program commitments.

Past awardees have represented a wide range of disciplines, including:

- Architecture
- History
- Planning
- Economics
- Anthropology
- Political science
- Sociology
- Public policy
- Social work

Proposals funded by the program have addressed diverse topics, including:

- The role of faith-based community development corporations in revitalization activities.
- Brownfield redevelopment.
- Social networks in urban neighborhoods.
- Effectiveness of mixed-income housing.
- Geographically targeted development incentives.
- Local politics and housing vouchers.