

Spiritual Diversity and Social Work
University of Kansas Doctoral Dissertation Scholarship
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Eligibility Criteria

- Student in the University of Kansas Ph.D. Program in Social Work
- Doctoral dissertation topic related to issues of spirituality, religion, ethics, or philosophy of social work consistent with professional ethical standards respecting diversity
- Satisfactory completion of doctoral dissertation proposal defense
- Record of relevant professional contributions such as publishing, service, research projects, teaching, training, or conference presentations
- Preferred:
 - Minimum 3.5 doctoral GPA
 - Interdisciplinary graduate level coursework on content and research methods relevant to dissertation

Application Deadline

- As soon as possible **after dissertation proposal defense**

Nomination Process

- Ordinarily, the dissertation committee chair nominates the student who has successfully completed the dissertation proposal defense
 - In order to avoid role conflict, if Dr. Canda is the dissertation chair, the methodologist or another Social Welfare committee member nominates
 - The nominator completes a letter of nomination (see below)

Notes

- 1 or 2 awarded per academic year, as available
- Amount: \$1,000 cash award for dissertation related expenses (note: international students might have tax withholding subject to tax regulations)
- Award decision made by ad hoc faculty committee convened by Dr. Canda, based on 2/3 vote
- Student submits for consideration: (1) cover letter (4-5 pages double spaced) summarizing interest and dissertation plan (i.e. topic, research questions, methodology, timeline for completion), relevance to intent of scholarship, career goals, and qualifications; (2) KU current transcript or academic record; (3) letter of nomination and support from faculty nominator; (4) academic curriculum vitae. *All documents must be submitted as pdfs attached to an email to Dr. Canda, marked urgent.*
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