

MSS RESEARCH GRANTS 2012

Grants for Research Available to All MSS Members:

Applicants must be current members of the Midwest Sociological Society.

The MSS Endowment Committee offers research grants up to \$1,500. Your research must be innovative and in the early stages of conceptualization. Proposals must be 1200 words or less, and include: a cover page; statement of the research problem; theoretical framework; summary of methodology and design; an itemized budget; and a brief budget justification. References should follow the ASA style guide.

The MSS Endowment Committee requires these additional items to complete the submission of your application:

1. Applicants are required to show proof of IRB approval or a completed IRB submission (The IRB submission does not need to be approved by your school at this time) before the application is processed.
2. Group projects, those with two or more authors, need to be approved by the entire Endowment Committee before the application is processed.
3. Applicants are now required to clearly state what types of supplemental materials they need funded in order to carry out their research. Thus, the committee needs to know the entire expenses of the project so that the committee can determine whether the research is likely to be successfully carried out in the one-year time period allotted.
4. Applicants are required to submit letters showing that they have secured permission to gain access to their proposed research sites. (e.g. a letter from the agency/organization that you seek to study).
5. Doctoral students who apply are required to have successfully passed their preliminary examinations and be at the dissertation stage. A strong letter of support from the dissertation chair(s) is required.
6. Grant winners are expected to be present at a special invited session at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting the following year to present their research findings. Please state in your application your intention of attending the MSS the following year to present your research findings if you are selected to receive MSS funding.

In addition to the application components listed above, applicants should include a C.V. and a list of references. Since applicants may not be able to send additional items via email, please include these in the hard copy version of ALL your application materials that need to be sent by snail mail. Remember to have your mailed application postmarked no later than February 15, 2012. The application submission process opens **January 15, 2012, and closes before midnight, February 15th, 2012.** Applications submitted before or after this time period will not be considered.

Send one hard copy of ALL your application materials to:

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