

APA Division 15

Educational Psychology

2014 Call for Applications - Doctoral Student Research Seminar

Division 15 (Educational Psychology) of APA invites doctoral students who are members of the Division to apply to participate in the annual Doctoral Student Research Seminar, to occur before and during the 2014 APA Annual Convention in Washington, DC.

Seminar Description and Time Commitment

Selected students will meet with distinguished researchers, work with faculty to discuss their dissertation research and professional identity development, and socialize with distinguished faculty and soon-to-be colleagues. The seminar is free, and Division 15 will provide some meals and refreshments. Students will also receive a stipend intended to assist with the cost of travel and registration. Selected participants are expected to attend all seminar and specified Division 15 events beginning no earlier than 6 p.m. on August 6, 2014, and ending no later than 1 p.m. on August 10. The Convention dates are August 7-10, 2014.

Eligibility

Applicants must be full-time doctoral students who are in the preliminary stages of their dissertation study. Students from institutions large and small and from all domains relevant to educational psychology are encouraged to apply. The seminar will be limited to up to three students from the same institution. Applicants must be members or student affiliates of Division 15 at the time of the convention. For information on joining the Division, visit: <http://www.apadiv15.org/>. (Your first year of membership is free!)

How and When to Apply

A completed application should contain the following components, each in a separate Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx file format):

1. A **structured introduction** that includes the information below. Please name this file according to the following convention: **lastname_introduction**.
 - a. **full contact information** (name, institution and department, mailing address, email, phone number)
 - b. the **name and email address of your dissertation chair**
 - c. the **working title** of your dissertation
 - d. a 100-word **abstract of the proposed dissertation study** (be sure to include the type of methodology you intend to use)
 - e. **dissertation timeline** including proposal meeting date (month/year), data gathering period, and anticipated dissertation defense date (month/year)
 - f. a 100-word **statement of your research interests**

- g. a 100-word **statement of your career goals** and job search timeline
2. A **vita** that includes education, professional experience, publications, conference presentations, teaching, and service. Please name this file according to the following convention: **lastname_vita**.
3. **Document for blind review** with the two sections described below. Do not include personally identifying information in the body of this document. Please name this file according to the following convention: **lastname_blind**. We will change the file name when sending your file to reviewers. This document should contain the following:
 - a. A **statement of interest in the seminar** explaining how you can benefit from and contribute to the seminar (250-word limit).
 - b. A **3-5 double-spaced-page research proposal** that describes your dissertation study. The proposal should include a working title, introduction, brief theoretical framework, problem statement, methodology, and analyses.
4. A **letter of recommendation** from your advisor describing your qualifications for this seminar. Please ask your advisor to send this letter directly to the committee chairs below (filename: **yourlastname_facultynomination**).

Electronically submit Items 1-3 described above in **one** email with three respective documents attached to the committee chairs, Mike Yough (myough@purdue.edu) and Ellen Usher (ellen.usher@uky.edu). Please arrange for your letter of recommendation (Item 4 above) to be sent electronically by your advisor to Drs. Yough and Usher.

All applications materials must be received no later than 5 p.m. EST on **Sunday, April 6, 2014**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All submitted documents must reflect original work done by the applicant and should conform to ethical guidelines for research and reporting set forth by APA.

Evaluation Criteria

Selections will be based on the quality of the submitted work and fit with Division 15.

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