Smith College School for Social Work  
Alumni Network  
Roger Miller Dissertation Grant

Description

Purpose
To support the highest level of scholarly dissertation research on at-risk populations by PhD candidates at Smith College School for Social Work. This annual grant was established by the Alumni Leadership Council of the School’s Alumni Network as a tribute to and in honor of Professor Roger Miller. The Grant stands at $1,000.

Grant Application Procedure
In applying for the Roger Miller Dissertation Grant, the PhD candidate must submit to the Alumni Network a copy of his or her completed and committee-approved dissertation proposal. A list of the committee members should be included on the title page. A signed letter of support from the Chairperson of the Dissertation Review Committee is required for the application to be considered complete. The letter of support must also be mailed directly to the School for Social Work Alumni Network at the address below. Applicants will receive electronic confirmation upon receipt of their materials.

Application Deadline
The application deadline (POSTMARKED) is May 9, 2017. Materials should be mailed to Smith College School for Social Work, Office of Alumni Relations and Development, Lilly Hall, Northampton, MA 01063.

Review and Award
The application materials will be evaluated through a blind review process by a panel of three PhD alumni. The proposals will be reviewed for quality of scholarship, strength of methodological approach, and contribution to the existing knowledge base. The study must also have the substantive focus of advancing social workers' knowledge of working with at-risk populations. This would include studies that focus on the under-served, disenfranchised, and oppressed populations of our society. Studies can be of a theoretical, developmental, practice-related or policy nature.

Guidelines
Applications should adhere to the following outline:
- Committee member signature page
- Signed letter of support from the Chairperson of the Dissertation Committee

The following must be in APA format:
- Tentative abstract
- Full introduction, to date
- Literature review
  - include sub-headings of topics
  - detail a salient section, maximum length – 10 pages
- Full methodology, to date
  - include instruments and questionnaires
- Bibliography, to date

Awarding the Grant
The Roger Miller Dissertation Grant will be awarded in June of each year and notification will be made by mail. The Alumni Leadership Council of the SSW Alumni Network has the authority to withhold awarding the dissertation grant if no applicants meet the criteria in that given year.

Questions
Direct all questions to the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at (413) 585-4290 or sswalum@smith.edu