



## CSURRC Dissertation Grant Call for Proposals

**Application Submission Date: April 3, 2026**

**\*\*Recipient(s) will be notified no later than July 1, 2026\*\***

### **Purpose of Grant**

The purpose of this dissertation award is to support doctoral students who have dissertation topics focused on substance use and/or related conditions. CSURRC Dissertation Award are sponsored for up to \$2,500. Applications must be dated no later than April 3, 2026.

### **Eligibility**

1. Dissertation Chair or Committee Member must be affiliated with CSURRC.
2. Doctoral student whose dissertation focuses on substance use or related conditions.
3. Should be eligible for candidature based on requirements in the respective department.

### **Submission Guidelines**

Submit an electronic copy of the required materials as **ONE ATTACHMENT** to [csurrc@ua.edu](mailto:csurrc@ua.edu) by April 3, 2026 with the subject line: CSURRC Dissertation Award Application. Electronic submissions are the only accepted format.

### **Format and Style**

1. All required materials must be submitted as ONE electronic document.
2. Title file as Last Name, First Initial, Term/Year, Dissertation Proposal (ButlerA Spring2026 DissertationProposal)
3. Use a Times New Roman, Arial, Helvetica, or Georgia typeface and a font size of 11 pts or larger.
4. Use one-half-inch margins for all pages, including reference pages and appendices.
5. Use page numbers throughout the application. Include reference pages and appendices. Place page numbers in the bottom right-hand corner of each page.

### **Components of Proposal**

1. Cover Sheet
2. Project Narrative (limit to 5 pages for items a-f)
  - a. Abstract (limit to 200 words)
  - b. Specific aims and objectives
  - c. Background and significance



- d. Research Design
    - i. Sampling Method/subjects
    - ii. Measures/Instruments
    - iii. Methods/Data Collection
    - iv. Plan(s) for data analysis
  - e. Limitations/Potential Difficulties
  - f. Protection of animal or human subjects (if applicable)
3. Appendices
- a. References (Use APA or AMA format)
  - b. 12-month time frame/schedule of events
  - c. Budget Sheet
    - i. Itemize anticipated expenditures to conduct the project, including supplies and consultants. Indicate whether other funds have been obtained or applied to support the conduct of the proposed research.
  - d. Dissertation adviser letter of support
  - e. Bio sketch (use NIH template)
  - f. Research tools, instruments, or interview guides (if applicable)

### **Review Process and Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated using the NIH scoring system (10-90). Lower scores indicate a greater likelihood of funding. Grant award recipient(s) are selected through a peer review process using the following criteria:

1. Significance to substance use and/or related conditions
2. Scientific Merit
3. Innovation
4. Appropriateness of methodology given the research question(s)
5. Qualifications of the investigator or research team to conduct study
6. Adequacy of human subjects/animal protection
7. Appropriate environment, budget, and time frame

### **Reporting Requirements**

An interim report is required every year of the project period. This report should describe the progress made, any challenges experienced, and the plans to resolve the challenges. A final report is due no later than 90 days after the end of the award period (not to exceed three pages per report). The final report should include the results of the dissertation project, any dissemination of the pilot findings, and next career steps for doctoral student.

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