



The NASSM Doctoral Research Grant is intended to advance scholarship in sport management by providing support to NASSM doctoral student members as they pursue projects of importance to the field, and advance scholarship in the field of sport management. This award is not intended to fund major dissertation projects.

### **Award**

Each year, grant amounts will depend upon recommendations from the NASSM Treasurer; however, the total grant pool amount is not expected to be less than \$5,000 per year. This amount will be split amongst award recipients on a basis determined by the committee. No more than three (3) awards will be given in a year. Awards will be announced at the Annual Conference in conjunction with the “Awards Night” ceremony.

### **Deadline**

Applicants should indicate their *intent to apply* in an email to the NASSM Member-at-Large and Committee Chair (Dr. Stacy Warner; [warners@ecu.edu](mailto:warners@ecu.edu)) by Friday, February 24, 2017. Upon receipt of this email, applicants will be provided with instructions and a link for uploading their grant proposal via Dropbox.

*Final submissions* are due by Friday, March 24, 2017. Grant proposals uploaded after this deadline will not be accepted.

### **Content**

Proposals should adhere to the following guidelines:

1. In addition to completing a coversheet, authors should include a proposal of no more than 2,500 words (including references, tables, and figures) that clearly outlines: (a) the purpose of the study, (b) theoretical framework, (c) proposed methods, (d) analytical strategy, (e) expected results, (f) significance of the findings to the field of

- sport management; and (g) a statement regarding current academic progress in doctoral program and how the project will further the student's academic progress.
2. Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval of the research should be obtained prior to submitting the proposal. A copy of the approval notice should be appended.
  3. Authors should include an itemized budget of expenses within the following parameters:
    - Funds shall not be expended for equipment normally provided by an institution, or for expenses not directly related to data collection.
    - Travel costs are limited to those required for the collection of data. Funds shall not be expended to present findings at conferences.
    - Indirect costs cannot exceed 10% of the total project and should be included in the final budget proposal.
    - Expenses should not pre-date the award.
  4. All grants will receive a blind review. All identifiers indicating student name and university should be redacted. Proposals with identifiers will not be reviewed by the Committee and will result in immediate disqualification.
  5. All submissions should be accompanied by an authorship declaration form indicating that the proposed research study has not received prior feedback from submission to a peer review journal(s).
  6. Proposals should follow APA guidelines, be in electronic format, and uploaded to Dropbox using the link provided after indicating an intent to apply.
  7. All work must be scheduled to be completed within a year of the date the grant is awarded.
  8. Only one proposal per investigator (whether primary or otherwise) per year is allowed.
  9. Proposals from students for this award and supervisors for the Janet B. Parks research grant award on the same research are not permitted. If the proposed project represents a supervisor driven initiative, the project should be submitted to the Janet B. Parks research grant competition.

## **Evaluation**

Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Alignment with the mission of NASSM (20%)
2. Originality of the research in the sport management field (25%)
3. Clearly articulated (a) purpose of the study, (10%) (b) theoretical framework (5%), (c) proposed methods (5%), (d) analytical strategy (5%), (e) expected results (5%), (f)

significance of the findings (15%) and (g) budget (evaluated based on value to contribution) (10%)

### **Eligibility**

1. Award recipients must be a NASSM member in good standing.
2. Award recipients must be doctoral students during the tenure of the award.

### **Post-Award**

Award recipients are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Demonstrate a commitment to completing the work and submitting to NASSM outlets (e.g., conference, journals) as a first priority.
2. Submit status reports on the progress of the research as requested by the committee.
3. Retain their membership within NASSM for at least one (1) year post-award.
4. Present a summary of findings for NASSM's use in promoting the grant program and its recipients.
5. Include the following statement in all written documents including publications and presentation materials, and print and electronic communications that result from successful funding: "This work was supported by funds received from the NASSM Research Grant Program."

### **Other**

The following stipulations also apply:

1. All grants are made payable to the principal investigator's university/institution.
2. All unexpended funds must be returned to NASSM in full within 60 days of the final written report.
3. Principal Investigators must assume personal responsibility for the proposal, execution of the research plan, and presentation of the results.

### **Award Committee**

Member-at-Large (Chair); three Research Fellows; Dr. Earle F. Zeigler Award winner from a previous year.