



IPSR Doctoral Research Fellows Program

Academic Year 2018-2019

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nomination Deadline: Friday, May 4, 2018

Application Deadline: Friday, May 18, 2018

The Institute for Policy & Social Research is pleased to announce the IPSR Doctoral Research Fellows Program for the 2018-19 Academic Year. The program helps develop the next generation of KU interdisciplinary social science scholars by providing graduate students with training and support in interdisciplinary social science research and by creating a community of graduate students across the social sciences to support each other at KU and in the future.

Program Overview: Fellows will meet for approximately 10 sessions throughout the academic year to share research progress and experiences. Students will and gain knowledge of interdisciplinary social science research methods, skills, and analysis. Regular attendance is expected, as active participation will strengthen the program.

Program Eligibility:

- ✓ KU Ph.D. student in a social science discipline or actively engaged in research with a social science perspective
- ✓ Engaged in research with an IPSR Faculty Affiliate
- ✓ Interested in interdisciplinary research
- ✓ Applying with permission of graduate advisor

Faculty Sponsor: Steven Maynard-Moody, Director of IPSR and Professor, School of Public Affairs & Administration, is the faculty sponsor.

Support: IPSR Doctoral Research Fellows will have available to them the resources of IPSR for proposal and project planning, development, and research. Fellows may apply for up to \$500 to support research expenses or travel associated with their research.

Selection: A group of current Doctoral Research Fellows, along with the IPSR Director and Assistant Director, will review nomination materials and select a cohort of 6 to 7 doctoral students for 2018-19.

Nomination and Application Procedures: IPSR Faculty Affiliates who wish to nominate a student should email IPSR Fellows (ipsrfellows@ku.edu) a letter of recommendation outlining the student's suitability for this interdisciplinary program by **May 4, 2018** (1-page limit). Please use "FELLOWS NOMINATION" as the subject line. This nomination letter is considered a part of the application and will be reviewed as part of the selection process.

Nominated students will be invited to submit an application by **noon on Friday, May 18**. Instructions will be distributed to students following their nomination, but to be considered, applications must include:

- ✓ **Statement of Interest:** Tell us about your research interests, discussing interests in the context of interdisciplinary research. Please include an overview of your interdisciplinary research experience/exposure and why interdisciplinary research is important to you. How will your research be different or improved through participation in the program? What unique perspective will you bring to the experience? (500 words maximum)
- ✓ **CV** (2-page limit)
- ✓ **Nomination Letter from an IPSR Faculty Affiliate** as described above and received by May 4.
- ✓ **Permission from Graduate Advisor (if applicable):** This step will be required only if the nomination letter is provided by a faculty member other than the student's academic advisor. After receiving the completed application, IPSR will contact the nominee's advisor to confirm their support of the student's participation.

Additional Information: Contact Whitney Onasch, Research Development Specialist, IPSR, 607 Blake Hall, wonasch@ku.edu, or visit the IPSR Doctoral Research Fellows site for more information about the program including a list of past participants: <http://ipsr.dept.ku.edu/about/gradfellows/>