IPSR Doctoral Research Fellows Program
Academic Year 2016-2017

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Nomination Deadline: Friday, May 6, 2016
Application Deadline: Tuesday, May 17, 2016

The Institute for Policy & Social Research is pleased to announce the IPSR Doctoral Research Fellows Program for the 2016-17 Academic Year. The program is helping to 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 approximately twice each month throughout the academic year to share research progress, gain knowledge of interdisciplinary social science research methods, skills, and analysis, and share experiences and knowledge. 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 and support from graduate advisor

Nomination and Application Procedures: IPSR Faculty Affiliates who wish to nominate a student should email IPSR Associate Director Susan Mercer (smercer@ku.edu) a brief statement outlining the nominee’s suitability for this interdisciplinary program by May 6, 2016 (1-page limit). Please use “FELLOWS NOMINATION” as the subject line. This nomination statement is considered as part of the application materials. Students may self-nominate with the support of an IPSR Faculty Affiliate.

Nominated students will be invited to submit an application by noon on Tuesday, May 17. Instructions will be distributed to students following their nomination, but to be considered, applications must include:
✓ CV (2-page limit)
✓ 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)
✓ Endorsement from Ph.D. advisor (required only if different from the nominator, 1-page limit)
✓ Endorsement from IPSR Faculty Affiliate (required only if PhD advisor is not a faculty affiliate, 1-page limit)

Selection: A group of current Doctoral Research Fellows along with the IPSR Director and Associate Director, will review nomination materials and select a cohort of 6 to 8 doctoral students for 2016-17.

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.

Additional Information: Contact Travis Weller, Research Development Specialist, IPSR, 607 Blake Hall, weller@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/