

## **NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT MANAGEMENT**

### **NASSM Doctoral Research Grant Program**

#### **Name**

- A. 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.

#### **Organization**

- A. The NASSM Doctoral Research Grant Program Committee shall consist of five (5) professional members: three (3) previous research fellow awardees and two (2) professional members.
- B. The members of the committee will appoint the Chair.

#### **Award**

1. Each year, grant amounts will depend upon recommendations from the Treasurer; however, the total grant pool amount is expected to be approximately \$5,000 per year.
2. This amount will be split amongst award recipients on a basis determined by the committee. In previous years, grants ranged between \$1500- \$2000.
3. No more than five (5) awards will be given in a year.

#### **Timeline**

- A. Calls for grant proposals communicated to the membership: January 5
- B. Intent to submit a proposal via email to the chair: February 1
- C. Submissions due: March 15
- D. Notification: May 1
- E. Awards are given at the Founders' Awards Night.

#### **Content**

- A. Complete the online form with author details.
- B. One PDF file containing the information outlined below is to be submitted electronically through the NASSM website. The file should be labeled as FirstInitial\_LastName.DoctoralGrantProposal.pdf (e.g., J\_Smith.DoctoralGrantProposal.pdf)
- C. Proposals should follow these guidelines:
  1. No more than 2,500 words that includes the following:
    - 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
    - g. a statement regarding current academic progress in doctoral program and how the project will further the student's academic progress.
  2. Authors should include an itemized budget of expenses within the following parameters:
    - a. Funds shall not be expended for equipment normally provided by an institution, or for expenses not directly related to the service-learning project
    - b. Travel costs are limited to those required for the project
    - c. Funds shall not be expended to present findings at conferences

- d. Indirect costs cannot exceed 10% of the total project and should be included in the final budget proposal.
- e. Expenses should not pre-date the award.
3. Authors must also submit a copy of an IRB approval for the study
4. Proposals should follow APA guidelines
5. Students should email the Doctoral Research Grant Committee Chair indicating their intent to apply and include their name, title of project with 1-2 sentence overview, advisor, and university.
6. All work must be scheduled to be completed within a year of the date the grant is awarded.
7. Only one proposal per investigator (whether primary or otherwise) per year is allowed.
8. Proposals from students for this award and supervisors for the Janet B. Parks Research Grant Award on the same research are **not permitted**.
9. If the proposed project represents a supervisor-driven initiative, the project should be submitted to the Janet B. Parks Research Grant competition.

### **Evaluation**

- A. 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 Doctoral Research Grant Committee and will result in immediate disqualification.
- B. The review process should be as follows:
  1. Each proposal will be reviewed by two committee members that will rank them according to the criteria provided:
    - a. alignment with the mission of NASSM (20%)
    - b. originality of the research in the sport management field (25%)
    - c. clearly articulated (55%):
      - i. purpose of the study (10%)
      - ii. theoretical framework (5%)
      - iii. proposed methods (5%)
      - iv. analytical strategy (5%)
      - v. expected results (5%)
      - vi. significance of the findings (15%)
      - vii. budget (evaluated based on value to contribution) (10%)
- C. The Doctoral Research Grant Committee Chair will notify the grant awardees.
- D. The grant awardees will be notified by the committee by May 1 and students will be provided brief feedback on their proposal.
- E. If there are more high scoring fundable projects beyond the total grant dollars available, the Doctoral Research Grant Committee Chair may contact the Executive Director to request an increase in funds to support additional proposals.

### **Eligibility**

- A. Those submitting must be a NASSM member in good standing and enrolled as a doctoral student during the tenure of the award (Note: NASSM membership runs from Jan 1- Dec 31. Applicants must be current members at time of application).

### **Post Report**

- A. 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 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 Doctoral Research Grant Program."

**Other**

- A. 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. Doctoral students must assume personal responsibility for the proposal, execution of the research plan, and presentation of the results.

**Annual Report**

The Chair shall prepare and submit a report to the Executive Council annually.