WALDEN UNIVERSITY

Fellowship in Research and Applications for Social Change

Walden realizes that the scholars within the University community may be engaged in social change activities or have a desire to develop research projects that directly relate to social change. The Fellowship in Research and Applications for Social Change was established to enable members of the Walden community make a significant and meaningful change in academic and social communities, both locally and globally. The fellowship will be awarded to the applicant(s) who submit outstanding proposals reflective of the University's mission and determination to uniquely affect positive social change worldwide.

Eligibility Criteria for Applicants

1) Currently holds an appointment as full-time or part-time faculty member at Walden University (for at least two years); or is a currently enrolled student.
2) Has not been a recipient within the past five years of a research fellowship sponsored by Walden University.
3) Commits to participate in forums sponsored by Walden University to facilitate positive social change expansion.

Criteria Used to Evaluate Proposal

1) Generates new knowledge to improve social conditions.
2) Demonstrates potential for long-term application of knowledge leading to positive change for people, organizations, communities, or society.
3) Reflects theoretically sound and evidence-based research and/or application of research.
    a. Has a well-crafted and well-defined research question, or a well-developed intervention strategy based in credible theory and research.
    b. Uses a defensible research or intervention approach.
    c. Indicates feasibility and viability of the study or intervention.
4) Provides a credible plan for evaluating study/intervention outcomes.
5) Shows evidence of collaboration or willingness to collaborate with other faculty or students as appropriate.
6) Demonstrates an effective plan for dissemination of the knowledge acquired.
7) Models life-long learning by being civically engaged as a researcher and practitioner to impact social change.
8) Ensures efficient and effective use of resources.

Award Amount

Up to $10,000

Compliance

Walden University's Institutional Review Board (IRB) reviews all University research projects involving human participants and makes judgments about whether a research project impacts upon human subjects. The award of the grant is contingent upon IRB approval, if necessary.

Submission Requirements
Complete proposals must be submitted on or before October 30. No unsolicited additional information or letters of support will be accepted after the deadline. All submissions must be made electronically to grants@waldenu.edu.

Requirements for Proposals
All proposals must include the following:

1) General information page, including:
   a) Name
   b) Contact information (mailing address, phone and email address)
   c) Project title
   d) Amount requested
   e) Statement as to whether or not the project involves the use of human subjects
   f) If human subjects are involved, a statement as to whether or not IRB approval for the project has been obtained.

2) Project abstract, double-spaced, maximum 200 words.

3) Project narrative in which the proposed project is described (five pages or less, double-spaced). Please include the following in the narrative:
   a) Describe the major thesis of the project and the investigator's understanding of the subject matter.
   b) Describe any preliminary work that has already been accomplished.
   c) Discuss the objectives of the project, noting in particular how the study will contribute to leadership for learning or teaching.
   d) Provide a timeline for carrying out the project.
   e) Describe the research methodology to be used in conducting the project
   f) Describe any facilities and/or resources that will be needed to conduct the project.

4) Carefully developed budget demonstrating appropriate stewardship of the research funding.

5) Current Curriculum Vitae of the principal investigator.

6) Two letters of support from educational leaders working in the field under investigation in the proposed research.

Optional:
1) Attach, at your discretion, additional material in support of your proposal.
2) Applicants who wish to have their proposal reviewed by an outside reviewer must send a copy of the proposal to the reviewer and request that comments be sent directly to grants@waldenu.edu by the deadline. Also provide a brief statement about the reviewer's qualifications, noting the relationship of the reviewer to the applicant.