

# WALDEN UNIVERSITY

## **Don E. Ackerman Research Fellowship in Educational Leadership**

The Don E. Ackerman Fellowship in Educational Leadership supports research that advances leadership in education through better understanding or practice. The Fellowship provides funding to support faculty or student research projects that contribute either theoretical or applied knowledge that may potentially change education at the Pre-K through 12 educational levels, in any educational field or educational position. The program is designed to encourage research conducted in the name of the university and contributing to the continuing improvement of teaching and learning through leadership. Fellowship funds are to be used to support the direct cost of research.

### **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) Holds an earned doctorate (preferably, although masters degree recipients will be considered) or is currently in a doctoral program at Walden.
- 3) Has not been a recipient within the past five years of a research fellowship sponsored by Walden University.

### **Criteria Used to Evaluate Proposal**

- 1) Reflects theoretically sound and evidence-based research.
- 2) Indicates that the research will contribute to educational leadership in knowledge or practice.
- 3) Shows evidence of collaboration or willingness to collaborate with other faculty or students as appropriate.

### **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](mailto:grants@waldenu.edu).

## **Requests 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.
  - g) If you have solicited an outside reviewer, please provide his/her name, email address and telephone number.
- 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 for 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](mailto: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.