

Richard Walk Dissertation Awards

Department of Psychology

Doctoral Students:

The faculty has decided to use funds from the Richard David Walk Endowment, named for a prominent developmental psychologist who was on the faculty here, to help our doctoral students complete their dissertation research. The Department's Executive Committee will award funding of up to \$1,000 on a rolling basis (i.e., when you need it, apply). You are eligible to apply when you have a committee-approved dissertation proposal, know specifically what you need money for, and are IRB-approved or otherwise ready to use it.

- Funding can be used for such expenses as participant incentives, travel to a data collection site, programmer time, specialized software, materials, animal care, or the like. The expense must be integral to getting the research done (e.g., we will not fund travel to professional meetings or tuition or living expenses).
- We will give priority to those who have a well-conceived proposal and a compelling need for funds in order to carry out the research. Efforts to seek outside funding will also be viewed positively.

To apply, send an email to psych@gwu.edu with the subject line: *Richard Walk Dissertation Awards*. Provide the following in a Word or pdf attachment, using the format below:

RICHARD WALK DISSERTATION AWARD APPLICATION

1. **Name:**
2. **Dissertation title:**
3. **Dissertation director and committee members:**
4. **Abstract:** 2-3 page double-spaced abstract of your dissertation proposal conveying (1) rationale for the project, main research questions or hypotheses, and proposed research design, sample, and methodology.
5. **Funding needed:** This should be described very specifically (e.g., 30 Asian-American college students from local universities will receive Amazon gift certificates of \$10 each for participating in focus groups, for a total of \$300; I request Metro fare to Children's Hospital for 15 roundtrips x \$fare = \$xxx, and \$xxx for printing 200 copies of a recruitment flyer). Make clear the role and importance of this funding to the dissertation project's success. Also note any financial need considerations you want us to know about.

Total request = \$

6. Other efforts to obtain dissertation funding:

- a. If you have received or are soon to receive any other funding for your dissertation research, please describe the amount and the source—and indicate why you still need what you are requesting from the Department.
- b. If you have applied for but have not received any external dissertation funding, please describe the amount and source and the outcome (denied, still pending). If you found you were ineligible for any competitions, please explain.

7. Your Signature:

8. Your Mentor's Signature:

By signing, I am indicating that I reviewed this request, view it as reasonable and appropriate given the nature of the project, and support it.

PLEASE ALSO ATTACH YOUR CV.

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