Grant Title: SBE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Funding Opportunity Number: NSF 11-547. CFDA Number(s): 47.075.

Agency/Department: National Science Foundation; Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences; Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences; Division of Social and Economic Sciences; Division of Science Resources Statistics; SBE Office of Multidisciplinary Activities.

Area of Research: Improve the quality of dissertation research.

Release and Expiration: N/A


Amount: Anticipated Funding Amount: $2,500,000 annually across all programs, contingent upon the availability of funds. Estimated Number of Awards: 200 to 300 annually for the entire SBE Directorate.

Length of Support: N/A

Eligible Applicants: The student must be enrolled at a U.S. academic institution, but need not be a U.S. citizen. Proposals from women, minorities, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged.

Summary: The National Science Foundation's Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS), Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES), National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES), and the SBE Office of Multidisciplinary Activities (SMA) award grants to doctoral students to improve the quality of dissertation research. These grants provide funds for items not normally available through the student's university. Additionally, these grants allow doctoral students to undertake significant data-gathering projects and to conduct field research in settings away from their campus that would not otherwise be possible. Proposals are judged on the basis of their scientific merit, including the theoretical importance of the research question and the appropriateness of the proposed data and methodology to be used in addressing the question. In an effort to improve the quality of dissertation research, many programs in both BCS and SES, the Research on Science and Technology Surveys and Statistics program within NCSES, and the Science of Science and Innovation Policy program in SMA accept doctoral dissertation improvement grant proposals. Requirements vary across programs, so proposers are advised to consult the relevant program's webpage for specific information and contact the program director if necessary.