Grant Title: SBE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Funding Opportunity Number: CFDA Number(s): 47.075. Funding Opportunity Number: 06-605.

Area of Research: Improve the quality of dissertation research.


Amount: Anticipated Funding Amount: $2,500,000 annually across all programs. Expected Number of Awards: 200.

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.

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.

Summary: The National Science Foundation's Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS), Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES), and Division of Science Resources Statistics (SRS) 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 BCS, SES, and the Research on Science and Technology Surveys and Statistics Program within SRS accept doctoral dissertation improvement grant proposals.