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DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP
2011-2012 Academic Year

The Women's Philanthropy Institute at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (WPI) will offer a one year doctoral dissertation fellowship of \$2,500 for the academic year 2011-2012. This doctoral dissertation fellowship will be awarded to a scholar whose primary research focus is in the area of women's philanthropy or gender differences in philanthropic behavior and giving. The fellowship is intended to support research and dissertation writing. The fellowship stipend will be paid at the beginning of the 2011-2012 academic year.

Eligibility

Applicants for the WPI Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship must:

- be candidates for the Ph.D. degree at an accredited graduate school in the United States
- have completed coursework and defended the dissertation proposal successfully.

In accordance with the regulations of Indiana University, if your research will involve human subjects you will need to notify us of IRB approval or any other IU requirements before we can release the funds.

Application Information

The application process for the 2010-2011 WPI Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship will open February 7, 2011. Application materials, with the exception of the letter of recommendation, must be submitted online by May 2, 2011 at:

<http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu/womensphilanthropyinstitute/doctoralapps.aspx>

Applications must include the following:

- an **application form**
- a **current resume**
- a **dissertation abstract** no longer than 200 words summarizing your topic and its relevance for the understanding of an important question or issue related to women's philanthropy and/or gender differences in philanthropic behavior
- a **summary of the dissertation project** not to exceed seven (7) pages including:
 - a brief description of the project;
 - the main research questions to be addressed;
 - a description of how the research will contribute to understanding of women's philanthropy or gender differences in philanthropic behavior;
 - a description of the conceptual or theoretical framework that will guide the research;
 - a short review of relevant literature indicating how the research will build upon existing work in the field, or how the research will pioneer a neglected area;

- a selected bibliography no longer than two pages, double spaced;
- a description and justification of the methodology, data collection and data analysis, and types of organizations or populations targeted by the research;
- a time frame and schedule for completing the research and dissertation; and
- a statement indicating how the \$2500 award will be used.

Supporting materials

- **one letter of recommendation** from your dissertation director to be mailed or sent via email to Dr. Mesch at the address below
- **a copy of your transcript** from the graduate school which will award the Ph.D. degree. This may be uploaded at:
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- or sent via email or U.S. mail to Dr. Mesch

All requested materials must be submitted online by May 2, 2011 at this site:

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Award notification

The award will be announced June 3, 2011.

The Women's Philanthropy Institute at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University

The mission of the Women's Philanthropy Institute is to further the understanding of women's philanthropy through research, education, and knowledge dissemination. WPI serves as a nexus for stakeholders committed to furthering the understanding of women's philanthropy to create a more just and sustainable world. WPI's mission supports the work of the Center on Philanthropy to increase the understanding of philanthropy and to improve its practice.

Among WPI's strategic goals are to advance women's philanthropy through original research by addressing significant and ground-breaking research questions and to translate that research into increased understanding and improvements in practice. The WPI doctoral dissertation fellowship, offered for the first time in 2009 through private philanthropic support, is a significant step to achieving these goals.

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