



**Rollins Program on Substance Use Disorders
Dissertation Grant Opportunities
2020/2021 Academic Year**

Overview

Spark @ Emory, a Rollins Program on Substance Use Disorders (SUD), is dedicated to ending harmful drug use by:

- (1) Catalyzing innovative, transdisciplinary research and interventions into the complex causes and consequences of harmful drug use;
- (2) Disseminating findings to inform policies, programs, and advocacy; and
- (3) Training the next generation of scholars and practitioners on how to study and intervene in the causes and consequences of harmful drug use.

To this end, Spark @ Emory will award up to 3 dissertation grants during the 2020/2021 academic year to Emory doctoral students who are in candidacy and conducting dissertations on the causes and consequences of SUD and related structural interventions (e.g., policies) or programs.

Eligibility

To be eligible for these dissertation grants, individuals must be:

- Enrolled as a full-time student in an Emory graduate school
- In candidacy
- In good academic standing

Students will be ineligible to receive a grant if they have previously received one through this funding mechanism. Students can, however, apply multiple times if previous applications were not awarded.

Funding Details

1. Students can apply for awards up to \$5,000. Actual amounts awarded will depend on the applicant's budget and the availability of funds.

2. The award period is 12 months. Grants are non-renewable, but no-cost extensions are possible for Year 2 if any Year 1 funds are unspent.
3. Applications must have the support of the student's dissertation chair, as indicated through a Letter of Support that is submitted with the grant application.
4. Funds must be used only to cover expenses directly related to dissertation research.
 - a. Examples of allowable costs include, but are not limited to, hiring a graduate student assistant, transcription costs, supplies, software, and participant incentives.
 - b. Examples of non-allowable costs include tuition, equipment, and rent.
5. Projects involving human subjects or vertebrate animals must be reviewed by the appropriate review committee or board (e.g., IRB, IACUC) to ensure compliance with federal regulations and university guidelines. If you are unsure whether your research project requires IRB review, please use Emory's IRB determination tool: <http://www.irb.emory.edu/forms/review/request.html>.

Key dates

- Application: Due by 5 pm on October 19, 2020
- Notice of funding decision: November 16, 2020
- Earliest start date: December 15, 2020

Application

The full application must include:

- The title of your dissertation
- Your name, contact information, school, and department
- Names of your dissertation committee members
- A 2-page description of your dissertation that describes (a) your dissertation's aims, (b) how achieving these aims will advance scientific understanding of the causes or consequences of SUD or related harms (e.g., hepatitis C virus, overdoses), or will advance SUD-related policy or programmatic interventions; and (c) how the funded activities will strengthen your dissertation. This 2-page description must be in 11-point Arial font, with 0.5-inch margins and single-spaced.
- Budget, which should include a list of itemized expenses, and cannot exceed \$5,000.
- Budget Justification, which should explain the purpose of each expense.
- CV
- Letter of Support from your dissertation chair. This letter must indicate that the student is in candidacy.

The application should be emailed in PDF form as a single document to Ms. Laura Donnelly (ldonnel@emory.edu).

Selection Criteria

Priority will be given to proposals that (1) clearly communicate a rigorous and realistic plan for the proposed funds, and (2) are closely related to the Rollins' Program's scientific goals of understanding the causes and consequences of SUD and related harms, and of studying SUD-related structural and programmatic interventions.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Rollins Chair in Substance Use Disorders Research. Each application will be reviewed and scored by two arm's-length reviewers.

Additional requirements include:

- Submitting a letter of approval or exemption from the IRB for the proposed research; the SUD program must receive this letter before funds can be released.
- The student must commit to submitting a report to the Rollins Chair in Substance Use Disorders Research within one year of receiving the funding that summarizes how this grant supported the proposed dissertation research.

Questions

Please email Ms. Laura Donnelly (ldonnel@emory.edu) for more information.