

Guidelines for Selecting Recipients for the Mariellen Fischer Dissertation Award

Award Purpose

The Mariellen Fischer Dissertation Award (hereafter referred to as “award”) was established by Mariellen Fisher (UVM Clinical Psychology Ph.D., 1984) to support the completion of high-quality dissertation projects for students in the Clinical Psychology PhD Program.

Criteria for Selecting Award Recipient

The award will be given based on the following criteria:

1. Enrollment in the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program at UVM, including those in the Developmental/Clinical Program and those in the developmental psychopathology concentration
2. A successfully completed dissertation proposal meeting by the time of application
3. Demonstrated excellence in research productivity during graduate school as evidenced the number and quality of publications, presentations, and student-led research grant activity
4. A clearly justified need for the funds to support the dissertation work.

Application Process

Students should submit the following to the DCT to apply for the award:

1. Completed “Mariellen Fischer Dissertation Award Cover Page” form.
2. A description of your dissertation study including rationale, hypothesis, and study design (2 Page Maximum).
3. A list of current and pending funding to support the dissertation.
4. Detailed budget explaining how funds will be used.
5. Current CV.

Due Date

Applications should be submitted by April 30th of each academic year.

Selection Process

A committee of 3 faculty will review applications. The DCT will be responsible for forming the committee each year. Selection of committee members will be made with the primary goal of minimizing the number of conflicts of interest between committee members and applications (e.g., avoid having mentors evaluate applications of their own students). Decisions will be made by the end of the Spring semester.

Exceptions

Students may only receive this award once.

Award Amount

The award amount varies depending on the availability of the funds in the endowment. It is anticipated approximately \$2,000 will be available per award. The actual amount will be disclosed in the annual call for proposals.

Award Provisions

The award is to be used by students in support of their dissertation research. These activities may include, but are not limited to, purchase of materials necessary to complete the dissertation project (e.g., test forms, manuals), participant compensation, or other dissertation-related activities. Please note any travel expenses must be associated directly with the dissertation project as opposed to broader professional development.

Students must report how the funds were used each year to the UVM steward of the award to be included in an annual update to be shared with Dr. Fischer and to notify the College of Arts & Sciences.

Students have access to the funds for the duration of time that they are enrolled as a graduate student at UVM. Unspent funds are returned to the endowment when the student leaves the program.

Students are required to write a thank you note to Dr. Fischer for her donation that made this award possible within 1 month of being notified that they have received the award.

Mariellen Fischer Dissertation Award Cover Page

PI Name: _____

Faculty Mentor: _____

Dissertation Committee Members: _____

Dissertation Title: _____

Date of Dissertation Proposal: _____

Please attach the following to this Cover Page:

1. A description of your dissertation project. The description should include a rationale for the current study and supporting literature, the hypotheses your study will test, and a description of the study design. Please include references as well (references do not count towards the page limit). You may use up to 0.5 margins, size 11 Arial font, single spaced text. **2 Page Maximum**
2. Current funding for the dissertation project. Include the source and amount of each award. If there is no current funding, please include a page indicating this is the case.
3. Detailed budget explaining how funds will be used. Please clearly indicate how funds from the Mariellen Fischer Dissertation Award will not overlap with any other funds.
4. Current CV

Please submit the materials and this cover page to the DCT by April 30th.