

EMDRIA Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant Awards

The EMDRIA Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization created in 2006 to further the development of EMDR through research and the education of mental health professionals and the public. The goals of the Foundation are to promote quality research, disseminate current information to mental health professionals, and provide effective and efficient treatment information for mental health consumers. To support these goals the EMDRIA Foundation has established a Doctoral Dissertation Grant Award.

Up to three awards will be given in 2010. Each recipient will receive a \$5000 dissertation research grant to study the effectiveness of EMDR in one of the following priority areas:

- Combat trauma
- Depression
- Children & adolescents

Eligibility

Doctoral students in social work, psychology, and nursing who have completed their course work and have an approved dissertation proposal are eligible to apply for this grant. As an international organization the EMDRIA Foundation supports applications from students who are citizens of any country who are studying in any country within the fields specified. Applications however must be submitted in English.

Applications

Applications are **due April 1, 2010** and recipients of the award will be notified of their selection by July 1, 2010. Three copies of each application document are required. Any application received without three copies will not be reviewed. All materials should be collated and sent together.

The required application documents include:

- Cover sheet that provides name, address, phone number, email, university, graduate department or school, dissertation title, and abstract
- A curriculum vitae
- Letter of recommendation from the dissertation advisor
- Two additional academic letters of recommendation
- The approved dissertation proposal
- Timeline for completion of the dissertation
- Evidence of IRB approval
- Proposed project budget (this may exceed the amount of the dissertation grant)

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed and faxed documents will not be accepted. Materials received after the deadline will not be accepted or reviewed. There will be no extensions of deadlines for any individual for any reason. Applicants are advised to keep a complete set of application documents for their own files.

Selection Criteria

A committee of scholars with expertise in research design and EMDR will independently and blindly review each application. The committee will consider the following criteria when evaluating the merits of each application:

1. The degree to which the proposed dissertation addresses the priority areas established by the Foundation as listed in this announcement.
2. The overall methodological quality of the proposed research project. Please note: qualitative and quantitative methods are both valuable scientific approaches. The evaluation of a proposal will be based on the soundness of the methodological choices made in order to most effectively answer the research questions.
3. The potential significance the study has for building knowledge in and strengthening EMDR practice
4. The feasibility of the proposed study and the applicant's ability to complete it in a timely manner.
5. The strength and characteristics of the references

Allowable Dissertation Expenses

The applicant may use the dissertation grant to cover the costs of conducting the proposed study, but may not use it to pay for tuition, travel, equipment, or for one's time. Examples of allowable costs include: instruments, transcriptions, interviewers, coders, software, statistical training or consultation, printing, photocopying, office supplies, postage, travel to interview sites, and incentives for participants.

Reporting Expectations

A progress report will be due one year after the funding cycle begins. The award recipient will be expected to provide an overview of progress made toward completion of the dissertation and an accounting of expenditures covered by the grant. An updated timeline should also be provided in the report. Upon completion of the dissertation a final report will be due summarizing expenditures, along with a copy of the approved dissertation.

Submit application to:

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c/o EMDR International Association
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