

Inaugural DQR Graduate Award for Qualitative Research

Eligibility: This award is available to any student enrolled in a graduate program. Students need not be members of the Division of Qualitative Research (DQR) to apply. All students who submit complete applications, regardless of whether they receive a monetary award, will be provided with a one-year student membership if they are not members already.

Purpose: This award is designed to support a research project that involves qualitative research methods as its primary or sole technique.

Amount: Awards are limited to US\$1500.00. Funds are intended to support research, such as travel expenses for data collection, supplies (e.g., audiovisual recording devices), qualitative research data software, printing/photocopying, and incentives for study participants. Funds are not meant for conference attendance/presentation and they cannot be used as salary or wages for the student-investigator or for any other individual. The DQR Awards Committee reserves the right to reduce the amount of money requested. The DQR Awards Committee may confer multiple awards or may elect not to issue an award in a given year.

Proposal: Proposals must include the following: a statement of the research topic or question(s); a justification for the significance of the study; a literature review; a description of the research design/methodology and rationale for this choice of technique; a plan for dissemination, including whether/how the project contributes to the student-investigator's research for his/her/their graduate degree; a study timeline; and a budget. Proposals are **limited to 1500 words**. In an appendix, which does *not* count towards the word limit, applicants should provide: a list of references/sources cited; a letter from the student-investigator's advisor/research mentor attesting to the applicant's good standing in the graduate program in which the student-investigator is enrolled; documentation of study approval from the student-investigator's university institutional review board (IRB) or research ethics committee (REC) if the project involves human subjects; and a copy of the student-researcher's curriculum vitae.

*N.b.: IRB or REC approval is *not* required *at the time of application* for this award. If the student-investigator has sought IRB or REC approval but has not yet received it at the time of application, then the letter from the student-investigator's advisor/research mentor must confirm that IRB or REC review has been submitted. Documentation of IRB or REC approval *is required* prior to the disbursement of funds. Preference will be granted to student-investigators who have received approval at the time of application.

Deliverables: A 500-word report describing: how the funds were used in fulfillment of the project's goals; how the study addressed the research questions and/or advanced the student-investigator's progress towards his/her/their degree; and next steps for the student-investigator in terms of further research, writeup, dissemination, etc.

The report is due to the Chair of the DQR **thirteen months** after conferral of the award.

*N.b.: any publication resulting from the study, including the student-investigator's dissertation or thesis, must disclose receipt of funding from this award. Award recipients are asked to notify the Chair of the DQR of any such publications.

Deadline: Applications are due **August 1, 2026**.

Applications should be sent to the Chair of the DQR Awards Committee:
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