

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**  
**SOE Dissertation Finishing Grants**  
**AY 2007-2008**

**Purpose of the Award:** The School of Education (SOE) Dissertation Finishing Grant (DFG) is intended to provide tuition support for students in the term in which they defend a dissertation.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must achieve doctoral candidacy prior to the term in which they receive a DFG. Only doctoral candidates in Educational Studies or CSHPE are eligible to apply. Given that the award is intended to support the final stage of the dissertation process, students should apply only when they are reasonably certain that the term of the award will be the one in which they defend their dissertation. Students who have previously received a Rackham One-term Dissertation Fellowship or a SOE DFG are NOT eligible to apply. A student who expects to have tuition support through a GSRA, GSI, or GSSA appointment of .25 or more should **not** apply for a DFG, but recipients of this award are eligible for hourly employment in the School of Education during the term of this award, up to a maximum of 10 hours per week.

**Award:** The SOE DFG consists of candidacy tuition and registration fees for the term in which the dissertation is defended. The funds for final term tuition will be disbursed only when the student has successfully defended the dissertation and scheduled a post-defense meeting with the Rackham Graduate School. The DFG award does NOT cover other related costs, such as GradCare health insurance, student fees, or additional costs needed to meet Rackham Fee Total requirements for degree completion. Grants are for one term only and may not be subdivided into smaller awards.

**Review Process:** The SOE Graduate Affairs Committee (GAC) will review all applications and inform applicants of their decision as soon as possible.

**Application Process:** **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION IS REQUIRED** via <http://sitemaker.soe.umich.edu/soe.awards/home> Click on the "Students" link and complete the cover sheet by entering all required information (including the name of the faculty member who will write a letter of support). Use the links found on this page to upload your application materials:

1. A brief (no more than 750 words) written summary of the dissertation, including a statement of the central problem or focus of the investigation, the conceptual framework, the data sources and analysis methods, and the potential contribution of the research.
2. A brief statement regarding why the grant is needed, how the term of support will be used, a timeline indicating the major accomplishments to date in completing the dissertation (e.g., date of proposal approval, status of data collection, (expected) data of defense), and any additional information that might be useful to the GAC in making its decision.
3. A letter of endorsement from the chair of the student's dissertation committee addressing both the quality/importance of the dissertation and the likelihood that the dissertation can be completed in the specified term of the award. This letter should be sent directly to <http://sitemaker.soe.umich.edu/soe.awards/home>, using the "Faculty" link in the leftside menu.
4. All completed dissertation chapters.

**Submit all documents in Word or PDF format. You may revise submissions until the deadline date, at which time the application process will close.**

Additional suggestions , "**Writing Suggestions for Proposals Submitted to the GAC,**" can be found on the SOE web page at <http://www.soe.umich.edu/financialaid/students/index.html> under "Student Research Support."

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**  
**October 31, 2007 for awards supporting work in Winter 2008**  
**February 8, 2008 for awards supporting work in Spring/Summer 2008**  
**May 2, 2008 for awards supporting work in Fall 2008**

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