We are pleased to announce the Social Science Diversity Initiative [SSDI] Graduate Student Travel and Research Grant competition. The primary goal of the SSDI is to create an interdisciplinary community of scholars who conduct social scientific research on the intersection of race, gender and class at Indiana University-Bloomington. An integral dimension of our larger goal is to provide resources to graduate students who are conducting original social scientific research in the area of race and ethnicity in the United States [U.S.], or the intersection of race, gender and class in the U.S. To this end, we will be awarding at least four (4) Graduate Student Travel and Research Grants for up to $2,500 to support Indiana University-Bloomington graduate students who are conducting original social scientific research on the aforementioned topic areas.

Purpose & Eligibility:

The spirit of the grant is to provide support for graduate students who need to overcome the logistic barriers associated with conducting social scientific research on (1) race and ethnicity, “or” (2) the intersection of race, class and gender in the U.S. at Indiana University-Bloomington. Those eligible for the award include master’s or doctoral students at Indiana University-Bloomington who are conducting original social scientific research on the aforementioned areas that has not been directly funded by a traditional funding agency (i.e., National Science Foundation), an academic institution, or an academic unit on the IU-Bloomington campus. This research may be advised by a faculty member at IU, but it is not for collaborative project between advisor(s) and graduate student(s).

Size and Nature of Awards:

The SSDI Graduate Student Travel and Research grant will provide up to $2,500 of support for research related expenses. The grant may be used for travel related to data collection, research supplies, transcription, computer software and other needs that are directly related to the production of the proposed research on race and ethnicity in the U.S., or on the intersection of race, class and gender in the U.S.

Timing of Award:

The application deadline for the SSDI Graduate Student Travel and Research grant is March 1st, 2011. Details on the application are below. The recipients will be notified of the award by April 1st, 2011. The awards will be made available to the recipients on April 15, 2011 so they may be used during the summer and/or ensuing academic year (i.e., 2011-12).
Application Materials:

Indiana University-Bloomington Graduate students who are interested in the SSDI Graduate Student Travel and Research Grant must submit a formal application which includes:

1. **Cover Letter**
2. **Curriculum Vitae**
3. **Indiana University Transcript**
4. **Statement of Previous Research** *(500 word maximum)* Should review the applicants history of conducting social scientific research, shed light on the relevance of this work and acquired skill sets, as well as give a broad overview of the applicants ability to perform the proposed research.
5. **Statement of Proposed Research** *(750 word maximum)* Should provide a detailed description of the proposed social scientific research. The description should cover (1) theoretical significance, (2) population under study, (3) methodological approach, (4) preliminary findings (if applicable), (5) research/travel timeline, and (6) potential contribution of proposed research.
6. **Detailed Budget**
7. **Two Reference Letters** (in signed/sealed envelope)

Hard or, preferably, Electronic copies of application materials should be sent by March 1, 2011 to:

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