

Olga I. Ogoussan Doctoral Research Award

About the Award

Olga I. Ogoussan was a medical doctor from Benin who earned her MPH in HPEB prior to enrolling in our doctoral program in 2004. After a valiant fight, she lost her battle with cancer in 2010. Dr. Ogoussan believed that education was key to preventing disease, promoting well-being, and reducing gender health inequities.

The Olga I. Ogoussan Doctoral Research Award honors her life by providing financial support for doctoral education, training, and professional development. The award is based on the following principles:

- Quality doctoral education is key to establishing a respected and highly-ranked program
- Quality doctoral education will enhance our ability to recruit and train promising young researchers and practitioners
- Assistance to current doctoral students to complete their dissertation research in a timely manner is an important goal of HPEB

Eligibility

- Currently enrolled as a doctoral student in HPEB
- Successful completion of qualifying examination, submission of program of study, **and successful dissertation proposal defense.**

Allowable Costs

- Seed money to assist with data collection and/or analysis of dissertation research (e.g., computer software, incentive money to participants, production of surveys

and materials, and other materials not listed here)

- Money to attend workshops and summer institutes that will enhance the student's training and/or ability to complete their dissertation (e.g., research workshops, etc.)

Unallowable Costs

- Items to be used on GA projects
- Attendance at professional conferences (such request should be made through the ASPH and the Graduate School)

Award Amount

Formal requests must be for at least \$100 and for no more than \$1000. Students may only receive a total of \$1,000 during their doctoral program.

Application Requirements

- Completed application form
- Unofficial USC transcript
- 1-page (maximum) proposal (single-spaced) justifying the need for the money and how the money will enhance the student's doctoral training or ability to complete their degree in a timely manner
- Current CV
- Detailed budget and justification for how the funds would be used
- A list of other current sources of support for this project / professional development activity
- A statement from the student's dissertation chair in support of the request (one page maximum)

Application Submission

Applications should be submitted as **one** file. Submit the request and application materials to your dissertation chair. Your dissertation chair should forward the request via e-mail to Dr. Emily Mann (emily.mann@sc.edu), Chair of the HPEB Scholarships and Award Committee. The e-mail should include your chair's statement of support.

Application Deadline

Applications are reviewed twice per month. Submit your application by the 1st to be reviewed by the 15th, or submit by the 15th to be reviewed by the 1st of the following month.

Selection Process

The HPEB Scholarships and Awards Committee will review each request and make decisions based on the following criteria:

- The likelihood that receipt of the money will enhance the student's doctoral training, marketability, and/or ability to complete his/her degree in a timely manner
- The qualifications of the student
- Support from dissertation chair
- Prior departmental support for research

If you have questions concerning eligibility, procedures, or criteria for selection, please contact Dr. Emily Mann (emily.mann@sc.edu).



Application Form

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Deadline: Ongoing

Student Name: _____

Date of Advancement to Candidacy: _____

Date of Dissertation Proposal Defense: _____

E-mail: _____

Nature of Request (2-3 sentences): _____

Amount Requested: _____

Dissertation Chair: _____

Please attach a current CV, unofficial transcripts from USC, a 1-page (maximum) proposal (single-spaced) justifying the need for these research funds and how these funds will enhance your training or ability to complete your degree in a timely manner, and a detailed budget and budget justification (also list other current sources of support for this project/activity). The budget and justification can be included in the 1-page proposal document on a separate page.

Submit your application materials to your dissertation chair. Your dissertation chair should forward the request via e-mail to Dr. Emily Mann (emily.mann@sc.edu), Chair of the HPEB Scholarships and Award Committee. The e-mail should include your chair's statement of support. Your application should be submitted as ONE file.