Important Notices

**Indirect Costs:** Please note an important change to the treatment of indirect costs that was incorporated into the SBE Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (SBE DDRIG) program solicitation (NSF 11-547). NSF's long-standing policy regarding the reimbursement of administrative costs is full reimbursement of indirect costs, based on the awardee's current Federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement. To ensure consistency with Foundation and Federal-wide policies, proposals submitted in response to this program solicitation are subject to the awardee's current Federally negotiated indirect cost rate.

**Special Budget Instructions** pertain to all Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants.

CONTACTS

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PROGRAM GUIDELINES

**Solicitation 11-547**

**Important Notice to Proposers**

A revised version of the NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG), NSF 13-1, was issued on October 4, 2012 and is effective for proposals submitted, or due, on or after January 14, 2013. Please be advised that, depending on the specified due date, the guidelines contained in NSF 13-1 may apply to proposals submitted in response to this funding opportunity.

Please be aware that significant changes have been made to the PAPPG to implement revised merit review criteria based on the National Science Board (NSB) report, [National Science Foundation's Merit Review Criteria: Review and Revisions](#). While the two merit review criteria remain unchanged (Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts), guidance has been provided to clarify and improve the function of the criteria. Changes will affect the project summary and project description sections of proposals. Annual and final reports also will be affected.

A by-chapter summary of this and other significant changes is provided at the beginning of both the [Grant Proposal Guide](#) and the [Award & Administration Guide](#).

DUE DATES

Full Proposal Accepted Anytime

Archeology

Full Proposal Deadline Date: October 10, 2013
Geography and Spatial Sciences
Second Thursday in October, Annually Thereafter
Full Proposal Target Date: October 15, 2013

Sociology
October 15, Annually Thereafter
Full Proposal Deadline Date: November 15, 2013

Biological Anthropology
Full Proposal Deadline Date: January 15, 2014

Political Science
January 15, Annually Thereafter
Full Proposal Target Date: January 15, 2014

Linguistics
January 15, Annually Thereafter
Full Proposal Target Date: January 15, 2014

Cultural Anthropology
January 15, Annually Thereafter
Full Proposal Target Date: January 15, 2014

Law and Social Sciences
January 15, Annually Thereafter

Research on Science and Technology Surveys and Statistics
January 15, Annually Thereafter
Full Proposal Target Date: January 16, 2014

Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics
January 16, Annually Thereafter
Full Proposal Target Date: January 18, 2014

Economics
January 18, Annually Thereafter
Full Proposal Target Date: January 18, 2014

Decision, Risk and Management Sciences
January 18, Annually Thereafter

Full Proposal Deadline Date: February 1, 2014

Science, Technology, and Society

February 1, Annually Thereafter

Full Proposal Deadline Date: February 13, 2014

Geography and Spatial Sciences

Second Thursday in February, Annually Thereafter

Full Proposal Target Date: February 18, 2014

Sociology

February 15, Annually Thereafter

Full Proposal Deadline Date: July 15, 2014

Biological Anthropology

SYNOPSIS

The National Science Foundation's Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS), Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES), National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES), and the SBE Office of Multidisciplinary Activities (SMA) award grants to doctoral students to improve the quality of dissertation research. These grants provide funds for items not normally available through the student's university. Additionally, these grants allow doctoral students to undertake significant data-gathering projects and to conduct field research in settings away from their campus that would not otherwise be possible. Proposals are judged on the basis of their scientific merit, including the theoretical importance of the research question and the appropriateness of the proposed data and methodology to be used in addressing the question.

In an effort to improve the quality of dissertation research, many programs in both BCS and SES, the Research on Science and Technology Surveys and Statistics program within NCSES, and the Science of Science and Innovation Policy program in SMA accept doctoral dissertation improvement grant proposals. Requirements vary across programs, so proposers are advised to consult the relevant program's webpage for specific information and contact the program director if necessary.

The following Programs support dissertation research:

Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS)

Archaeology

Cultural Anthropology

Documenting Endangered Languages

Geography and Spatial Sciences

Linguistics
Biological Anthropology
Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES)
Decision, Risk and Management Sciences
Economics
Law and Social Science
Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics
Political Science
Science, Technology, and Society
Sociology
National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES)
Research on Science and Technology Surveys and Statistics Program
SBE Office of Multidisciplinary Activities
Science of Science and Innovation Policy
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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
This program provides educational opportunities for Graduate Students. Individuals interested in applying for funding should see the program guidelines above.

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Archaeology and Archaeometry
Cultural Anthropology
Decision, Risk and Management Sciences
Economics
Geography and Spatial Sciences Program
Law and Social Science
Linguistics
Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics
Biological Anthropology
Political Science
Research on the Science and Technology Enterprise: Statistics and Surveys
Science of Science and Innovation Policy
Science, Technology, and Society
Sociology

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