

I-MDRC Graduate Student Research Grant

Purpose: To promote and support the scholarly activity of graduate student members of I-MDRC.

Eligibility: Students and lead advisor must be current members of I-MDRC to be eligible to apply for an award. Students must also be currently enrolled in a Masters or Doctoral program at the time of application. Note: Collaborative projects among two or more student members of I-MDRC can be considered for receipt of this award.

Nature of the Grant: The maximum of each grant will be \$1,000 USD, and the number of awards will be based on funds available for each cycle. The President and Treasurer will ascertain the monies available on an annual basis for this grant. The grant money must be used for activities directly related to conducting the proposed research (e.g., equipment, travel for data collection, participant recruitment) that are specified in the application budget. Grant money may not be used for conference travel.

To receive awarded funds in advance of conducting the project, a recipient's institution or department must agree to manage the funds on behalf of the student. The recipient should write a letter to this effect that is included in the original grant application, specifically indicating the business office contact information and confirmation the university/department is able and willing to handle the money if awarded and will provide I-MDRC with a final report one year after the receipt of funds. Funds will be sent directly to the institution or department business office contact person. On July 1 of the year following the grant award (i.e., one year after receipt of funds), the institution or department business office is required to send the I-MDRC Treasurer, Dr. Ali Brian (abrian@sc.edu) an account of expenditure and to return any unspent funds.

Grantees are expected to present the findings of their research at a future I-MDRC conference, no later than two conferences following the grant announcement. Grantees must acknowledge I-MDRC as a funding source in this presentation as well as any other presentations and/or publications stemming from the research project. Any publications stemming from work related to this grant will be sent to the I-MDRC President. Wording for the acknowledgement shall be: "*This research was supported by a student research grant from the International Motor Development Research Consortium (I-MDRC).*" Student is responsible for notifying I-MDRC President of research presentation (or this may be included in the final report provided by their university, if completed at that time).

Criteria for Evaluating the Grant Application

1. The research question should be original, innovative, and important, and must conform to the purpose of I-MDRC.
2. The research shall have Institutional Review Board (or equivalent) submission. Evidence of approval will be required before funds are dispersed.
3. The applicant must be the primary investigator on the research project.
4. The researcher must demonstrate the potential benefits to her or his research and future collaboration prospects.

Guidelines

1. The I-MDRC Awards Committee will evaluate applications, determine who will receive the award, and provide brief feedback to all applicants.
2. The applicant should submit the following materials to the I-MDRC President:
 - An outline of the proposed study of up to 5 pages, detailing the purpose, method, analysis, and broader impacts (double-spaced, 12-point font). References should be included as separate pages using APA style.
 - Verification of Institutional Review Board (or equivalent) application.
 - An estimated budget and budget justifications for allocation of funds on research-related costs that cannot be covered by other means.
 - A curriculum vita of up to 2 pages.
3. The graduate student and lead advisor should be a member of I-MDRC and should send the following documents to the President of I-MDRC, Professor Matthieu Lenoir (matthieu.lenoir@UGent.be):
 - A recommendation letter indicating why the student's research is worthy of the grant and the student's ability to carry out the role of principal investigator.
 - A statement that the budget has been evaluated and approved, and that the home department or institution is willing to manage the funds for the amount that I-MDRC awards to the student.

Other Clarifications: Students may be awarded the grant only once. The I-MDRC website will include a listing of grant awardees. Information about the grant will appear in the Newsletter.

Submission Deadline: Grant proposals and graduate advisor letters/statements are due by April 1. The applicants will be notified of the results of the competition no later than June 15.