

## **Funding Availability for the Early Doctoral Student Research Grant Program and Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program**

### **Program Overview**

*Purpose of the Programs.* The purposes of the university partnership dissertation programs are:

*Early Doctoral Student Research Grant Program (EDSRG).* To help eligible doctoral students cultivate their research skills through the preparation of research manuscripts that focus on housing and urban development issues; and

*Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program (DDRG).* To assist Ph.D. candidates to complete their research and dissertations on housing and urban development issues.

*Available Funds.* Approximately \$550,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 appropriations is available for the Office of University Partnerships dissertation programs as follows.

- Early Doctoral Student Research Program: \$150,000
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program: \$400,000

*Application Deadline.* May 27, 2003.  
*Match.* None.

### **Additional Information**

Doctoral students interested in applying for funding under these grant programs should carefully review the General Section of this SuperNOFA and the following additional information. There is no separate Application Kit for this NOFA.

### **Additional Information**

#### **I. Application Due Date, Further Information, and Technical Assistance**

*Application Due Date.* A completed application package is due on or before May 27, 2003.

*Address for Submitting Applications.* A completed application package consists of an original signed application, three copies, and one computer disk (in Word 6.0 or higher) of the application. All applications must be submitted via the United States Postal Service to the following address: University Partnerships Clearinghouse, c/o Danya International, 8737 Colesville Road, Suite 1200, Silver Spring, MD 20910. When submitting an application package, indicate the following information on the outside of the envelope: Name of the program under which funding is being requested and the doctoral student's name and mailing address, including zip code. HUD will accept only one application package per doctoral student.

*For Further Information and Technical Assistance.* Doctoral students may contact Armand Carriere of HUD's Office of University Partnerships at (202) 708-3061, ext. 3181 or Susan Brunson at (202) 708-3061, ext. 3852. Speech- or hearing-impaired individuals may call the Federal Information Relay Service TTY at 1-800-877-8339. Except for the "800" number, these telephone numbers are not toll-free. Students may also reach Mr. Carriere via the Internet at [Armand\\_W\\_Carriere@hud.gov](mailto:Armand_W_Carriere@hud.gov) and Ms. Brunson at [Susan\\_S\\_Brunson@hud.gov](mailto:Susan_S_Brunson@hud.gov).

*Satellite Broadcast.* HUD will hold an information broadcast via satellite for potential doctoral student applicants to learn more about the programs and preparation of applications. For more information about the date and time of this broadcast, consult the HUD Website at [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov).

#### **II. Amount Allocated, Grant Size and Term, and Performance Period**

The amount allocated, grant size and term, and performance period are listed below for each program in this NOFA. HUD's authority for making funding available under this NOFA is Division K of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7, approved February 20, 2003).

*Early Doctoral Student Research Grant Program*—Approximately \$150,000 will be made available for funding under this program.

The maximum grant period is 12 months. The performance period will commence on the effective date of the grant agreement.

The maximum amount that can be requested by a doctoral student for award is \$15,000.

*Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program*—Approximately \$400,000 will be made available for funding under this program.

The maximum grant period is 24 months. The performance period will commence on the effective date of the grant agreements.

The maximum amount that can be requested by a doctoral student for award is \$25,000.

#### **III. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities**

##### *(A) Program Description*

*Early Doctoral Student Research Grant Program (EDSRG).* The purpose of the EDSRG program is to enable doctoral students enrolled at an accredited institution of higher learning recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to cultivate their research skills through the preparation of

research manuscripts that focus on policy-relevant housing and urban development issues. The program also encourages new scholars to share their research findings through presentation at scholarly conferences and/or publication in refereed journals. The FY 2003 EDSRG program seeks to fund research studies that may impact federal problem solving and policymaking and that are relevant to HUD's policy priorities and annual goals and objectives. (See the General Section of the SuperNOFA for discussion of these priorities and annual goals and objectives).

*Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program (DDRG).* The purpose of the DDRG program is to enable Ph.D. candidates enrolled at accredited institutions of higher education recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to complete their research and dissertations on policy-relevant housing and urban development issues. The FY 2003 DDRG program seeks to fund dissertations that may impact federal problem solving and policymaking and that are relevant to HUD's policy priorities and annual goals and objectives. (See the General Section of the SuperNOFA for discussion of these priorities and annual goals and objectives). Examples of topics addressing these issues (applicable to both the EDSRG and DDRG programs) include but are not limited to:

- (1) Increase Homeownership Opportunities
  - (a) Increasing Minority Homeownership;
  - (b) Simplifying the Homebuying Process (RESPA reform) and Reducing Settlement Costs;
  - (c) Setting Appropriate Housing Goals for the GSEs;
  - (d) Countering Predatory Lending;
  - (e) Helping Low-Income Homeowners Avoid Default and Foreclosure;
  - (f) Evaluating Housing Counseling.
- (2) Promote Decent Affordable Housing
  - (a) Reducing Regulatory Barriers to the Development of Affordable Housing, as well as All Forms of Multifamily Housing
  - (b) Developing Creative Strategies for Expanding the Availability of Affordable Housing. Strengthening the Delivery of HUD-Funded Rental Assistance and Assistance Provided Through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
  - (c) Promoting Self-Sufficiency Among Residents of Public and Assisted Housing
  - (d) Meeting the Housing-Related Needs of the Elderly