

National Institute of Social Sciences (NISS) Dissertation Grant Program

University Nomination Deadline: April 4

NISS Dissertation Grants are designed to support outstanding Ph.D. students who need additional resources to complete doctoral work that promises to significantly advance their fields of study.

Grants of up to \$5000 may be used to cover any necessary expenses related to completing a dissertation, including but not limited to travel to a library or archive, photography or photocopying, field research, and conference support.

NISS seeks projects in the fields of **Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology**. Interdisciplinary projects that include one or more of these fields as a major component may also be considered.

Application Process

Eligible doctoral students must apply for nomination. Each application should include the following:

- Curriculum Vitae
- A personal statement of no more than 750 words describing the project and the planned uses for money requested
- A one-page project budget
- Completed [NISS 2025 Dissertation Grant Application Cover Sheet](#)
- A letter of support from your academic sponsor that addresses (1) your academic qualifications and (2) the merits of your research

Please submit all applications to the Office of the Vice Provost for Education at provost-ed@upenn.edu no later than April 14, 2025

Fellowship Website: <https://www.socialsciencesinstitute.org/grants>

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