# Hospitality Summer Research Grant Request for Proposals

## Description

To encourage scholarly research activity in the doctoral program, the William F. Harrah College of Hospitality provides research support for a select number of doctoral students during the summer term. The college may award up to a maximum of five grants for the summer term. Summer grants included a student stipend of $3,000. Proposals may also include a budget (not to exceed $2,000) for research-related expenses (such as sampling, databases, software, respondent incentives, etc.). Funding for these expenses is contingent upon funds availability.

## Eligibility

- Hospitality doctoral students who will have completed the first or second year of the program.
- Students must be registered for the upcoming Fall term and hold a GA position.
- Students must be register for at least 3-credit hours during the summer term.
- Students must be in good academic standing (3.0 or higher overall graduate GPA) and making good academic progress towards the doctoral program requirements.

## Proposal Format

- The main proposal should not exceed 4 pages (single-spaced), 12-point font with 1-inch margins. References are not counted toward the page limit as well as the title page that lists all participant names and contact information.
- The main proposal should cover all the evaluation criteria as indicated in this document.
- Proposals must include how the grant will be managed by using a flow chart that illustrates the timelines for individual tasks towards completion of the research.
- For proposals that are requesting research funding (up to $2,0000), the Summer Research Grant Proposal Funding Request Form and required documents must be included in the proposal.

## Evaluation Process and Criteria

The Summer Grant Committee will review all applications. The selection of winners is competitive and based on the following criteria.

- Introduction and statement of the problem.
- Clear statement of study purpose.
- Clear research questions or hypotheses.
- Literature review (theory and research that underlies and support the purpose).
- Detailed and actionable research methodology.
- Originality of proposed study.
- Thoughtful grant management plan.
- Itemized budget and justification.
- Achievable deliverables.

## Submission Deadlines

Students may work with faculty members to submit no more than two proposals. Due to limited funding, only one proposal per doctoral student will be awarded. Grant proposals must be submitted to Rhonda McElroy at rhonda.mcelroy@unlv.edu no later than ***5 pm (pacific time) on Friday, April 9, 2021***.

Funded proposal for Summer 2021 will begin on June 1 and the $3000 stipend will be paid to students on July 1.

## Deliverables for Awarded Grants

- Students must submit a Research Progress Report on or before November 1, which must be emailed to Rhonda McElroy at rhonda.mcelroy@unlv.edu.
- Students must present their research findings at conferences during the next academic year.
- Students should strive to have **peer reviewed journal articles** during the next academic year, which is a top priority.
- Student are expected to submit their completed work to a first or second tier journal (according to the college journal list) in the hospitality and tourism field no later than February 15 of the next academic year.
- Students must present their research at Hospitality Spring Research Seminar Series organized by Dr. Bai.