

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2017 Russell Ackoff Doctoral Student Fellowships for Research on Human Decision Processes and Risk Management

Deadline: March 3, 2017 (midnight)



The **Ackoff Doctoral Student Fellowship** program of the Wharton Risk Management and Decision Processes Center provides grants to University of Pennsylvania Ph.D. students who are pursuing research in decision making under risk and uncertainty. The fellowship awards range from \$1,000-\$4,000 and may be used to fund data collection, travel to present funded research, and other direct research expenses.

Doctoral students throughout Penn engaged in on-going research that relates to problems in decision making under risk and uncertainty are encouraged to apply. Potential initiatives to receive funding include Insurability and Risk Management; Managing Environmental, Health and Safety Risks; Psychology, Communications, Behavioral Economics; and Decision Processes. Proposals can reflect a broad range of theoretical and methodological perspectives. Examples of research projects funded by the Ackoff Doctoral Student Fellowships can be found at <http://riskcenter.wharton.upenn.edu/russell-ackoff-doctoral-student-fellowships/>.

To apply: Applications must include a proposal and this application form. The application form must be completed in its entirety.

Proposals should be 4 pages in length, and include the following information:

On pages 1 & 2, please answer the following questions:

1. Goals of the proposed research
2. Description of the planned methodology
3. Explanation of why funding is being sought

On page 3, please answer the following budgetary questions: (Please format your proposal so that budget information and funding sources are the only information on page 3.)

1. Provide specifics of how the funds will be used.
2. Include detailed budget and budget justification describing the anticipated expenses.

Note: conference travel is supported only for the presentation of work related to the funded research. As such, evidence of appearance on the program will be required for reimbursement.

3. Include a description of other current sources of research and travel funding from your department.

On page 4, please include a brief statement from the student's Penn faculty advisor certifying that s/he has read the proposal and will be in residence to supervise the proposed research over the forthcoming year. If the advisor will be away (e.g., due to sabbatical) for all or part of the year, the statement should indicate how the work will be supervised remotely.

APPLICANTS WHO RECEIVED FUNDING IN 2016, PLEASE INCLUDE A 5TH PAGE TO THE PROPOSAL DESCRIBING:

1. Specific outcomes of the 2016-funded research (e.g., papers completed, conference presentations) and current status.
2. How the funds were used. If the funds were used to attend a conference, please include a statement indicating: 1) the name of the conference; and 2) how the research was presented (e.g., poster session, regular session presentation).

Submit your application form and proposal electronically in both Word and in PDF to the attention of Maria Puciata at mpuciata@wharton.upenn.edu.

Award recipients will participate in Center-sponsored seminars at the Wharton School designed to provide students with the opportunity to present their research.

For more information on the Center, please visit our website at <http://riskcenter.wharton.upenn.edu/>.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: Please print legibly. For the E-mail address, please differentiate between I & 1 (one) and O & Ø (zero).

Name:

E-mail:

Address:

Telephone Number:

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Department / University of Pennsylvania:

Faculty Advisor Name:

Faculty Advisor E-mail:

Faculty Department:

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title:

Research Field:

Amount of Request: \$

Other sources of Support for your research:

Travel: \$

Grant: \$

Other: (Specify): \$

How did you learn about the Russell Ackoff Fellowship?

Ad in The Daily Pennsylvanian

E-mail

Other (specify)

ACADEMIC APPROVAL: Student's advisor must sign this application before it will be accepted.

X _____

Faculty Advisor's Signature

_____ **Date**

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- Please direct any questions about these procedures to nyzinga@wharton.upenn.edu
- All applicants who are accepted will receive an award letter via e-mail.