Lee Kum Sheung Center for Health and Happiness Dissertation Research Award

The purpose of the Lee Kum Sheung Center for Health and Happiness Dissertation Research Award is to assist Harvard doctoral students working on relevant topics with research costs. Awards of up to $2500 will be given.

**Deadline:** Friday, January 8, 2021

**Award Start Date:** Monday, February 8, 2021

**Duration of Award:** Up to 2 years

**Eligibility:**

1. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a doctoral program at any of the Harvard graduate schools
2. Applicants should be actively working on their dissertation
3. Dissertation proposals must have been approved by applicant’s dissertation committee prior to application
4. The dissertation research must be in the field of positive health science or a closely related field
5. Funds must be spent within two years of award or prior to dissertation defense, whichever comes first

**Application Requirements:**

1. Application form (see below)
2. Cover letter (2-page max)
3. Research statement (5-page max)
4. CV
5. Letter of recommendation from mentor/advisor (2-page max, must be sent separately and directly from mentor/advisor)
6. Detailed budget and budget justification
7. Academic transcript
8. Copy of dissertation proposal

**Application Submission:**

Dossier (with the exception of letter of recommendation) must be submitted by email to centerhealthhappiness@hsph.harvard.edu (as one single PDF document; individual documents will not be accepted) on or before January 8, 2021. Late applications will not be considered.

**Selection of Awardee(s)/Evaluation Criteria:**

Selection will be based on quality of the research and relevance to the mission of the Center. For more information about the Center, please see: [https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/health-happiness/](https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/health-happiness/). Evaluation criteria will include the importance of the proposed issue, the strength of the research design, feasibility of the proposed work, importance to public health, and relevance for positive health science or translation of positive health science.
Reporting Requirements:

Grantees are required to submit a brief interim (less than 2 pages) progress report and presentation mid-way through the grant period as well as a final closeout report. Guidelines for each report will be distributed after award is granted.
Lee Kum Sheung Center for Health and Happiness
Dissertation Research Award Application Form:

Name: _________________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________  Email Address: ______________________________
Department: ________________________________

When was your dissertation proposal approved by your committee? ____________(MM/DD/YY)
Anticipated graduation date: ___________

My signature on this form indicates that I meet all eligibility requirements for this award

Applicant Signature: ________________________________________________

Cover Letter: Briefly describe your research interests and experience and your career plans. The letter also should explain how the topic of the dissertation fits with the mission of the Center. **Two-page maximum.**

Research Statement: Must include a summary of the dissertation research as relevant to the Center, including project background and rationale, explanation of research design (methods, procedure, analysis plan, etc.) and other important aspects of the project. **Five-page maximum.**

CV in Harvard format (For more information about format: https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/faculty-affairs/forms/)

Letter of recommendation from mentor/advisor: Your professor should email this letter separate from the application and include “letter recommendation for [student's name]” as a title to centerhealthhappiness@hsph.harvard.edu on or before January 8, 2021. **Two-page maximum. This must be submitted separately and directly from your mentor/advisor. It should NOT be included as part of your application!**

Budget and Budget Justification: The award must be used to support expenses that are directly related to the dissertation research (the funds cannot be used for living expenses) and **should not exceed $2500**. All expenses must be detailed and a rationale for each expense should be provided. **Two-page maximum.**

Academic Transcript: Provide a current transcript of your graduate work

Copy of Dissertation Proposal: Provide the copy of the proposal that was submitted to your dissertation committee.

Please contact centerhealthhappiness@hsph.harvard.edu with questions