

## **AERA Minority Dissertation Fellowship in Education Research Application Instructions**

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Include your full name and graduate institution on at least the first page of every document you submit.

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1. **Contact information.** Each applicant must enter their name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and information about their doctoral institution.
2. **Personal statement.** In no more than 3 single spaced pages write a statement about your research background and interest in pursuing a faculty and/or a education research career. You will need to upload this document in PDF.
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  - Dissertation Abstract
  - Statement of the problem
  - Theoretical and/or conceptual framework
  - Brief review of relevant literature
  - Key research questions
  - Overview of research design and methods
  - Anticipated or Preliminary findings

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