

Doctoral Research Forum - May 15, 2007

This one day forum is designed to provide graduate students with an opportunity to critically discuss their research with established researchers, practitioners, and peers. The goals of the forum are to:

- establish a supportive environment for doctoral students to critically explore scholarly issues among peers with similar academic interests
- provide doctoral students with impartial constructive input and guidance from experts
- promote collaborative professional development for emerging researchers

Graduate students will present their preliminary research using NVivo before a diverse group of qualitative researchers, and receive a range of ideas on ways to further their studies. The Doctoral Research Forum provides a unique setting for novice research students to present their preliminary findings to a panel of researchers and supervisors experienced in qualitative research and the use of NVivo software. The forum also provides the opportunity for doctoral students on the cusp of data collection to benefit from interaction with students and faculty who are engaged in advanced stages of analysis.

Submissions are invited from current doctoral students who would benefit from detailed discussions of their doctoral research by a panel of established researchers, practitioners, and peers. Doctoral students applying to participate in the forum must already have approval to engage in their research topic, and be currently enrolled in a doctoral program.

Registration

Graduate students enrolled in a doctoral program are eligible to apply for the Doctoral Research Forum. To apply, register online and submit a research proposal by the deadline of **April 15, 2007**. Early submissions are strongly encouraged. Due to the limited number of openings for this forum, preference will be determined based on the following criteria:

1. Participants in the Graduate Research Methods using NVivo session
2. Participants in the Teaching Qualitative Methods conference
3. Graduate students from the University of Wisconsin with faculty recommendation
4. Review of research proposal

Participants will be notified by email no later than Friday May 4, 2007 regarding their application to participate in the forum.

The forum will be open to the campus community. Interested students and faculty are encouraged to attend and observe the forum throughout the day. Open seating

will be available for those interested in hearing student presentations and accompanying expert panel discussion with the student presenters.

Submission of Research Proposal

The research proposal is a brief working methods paper that highlights the design of the graduate student's dissertation research. It is recognized that students are at different stages in their degree program and, that these proposals will reflect wide variation in detail and completion. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of the proposal.

- Paper length approximately 4 pages (keep it short and to the point)
- All text is to be single-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt font
- American Psychological Association (APA) citation guidelines
- Paper format Microsoft Word .doc file

- Abstract (150 words maximum)
- Introduction (briefly justify the focus of your study)
- Study Design (briefly describe methods including data collection plan)
- Analysis Methods (include method use of qualitative analysis software)
- Weak Spot (Clearly identify what you consider to be a real or potential problem area for your study. For example, you may feel that your research goals are still out of reach or you may have serious concerns about the analysis and its completeness.)

Submission of papers for review should be made electronically no later than the deadline of April 15, 2007. Submit your proposal as a .doc file to the attention of Erika Anderson at elanderson@wisc.edu

Facilitators

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Panel Members

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