<p style="text-align:center">**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**</p>

DOCTORAL STUDENT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP
(Do not exceed 3 pages)

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The project description must include the following six components, submitted in the order listed here. Please label each section using the headings listed below. Use 12-point Times New Roman or 11-point Arial, single-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all sides

1. The overall objectives of the dissertation (1/2 page).
2. Project design and procedures (1 page). *This is the most important section of the proposal from the standpoint of the reviewers. In this section the applicant convinces the reviewers that he or she has a clear plan of work that is achievable within the timeframe of the grant period. The reviewers want to know what is to be done and how it will be done. The methods and significance of the work must be described in a way that can be understood by scholars from other disciplines.*
3. The role of this project to completing the dissertation (1/4 page).
4. Project timeline (1/4 page). *Include sufficient detail to demonstrate that the project can be completed within the period of the grant. Usually, a quarterly timeline is adequate. Be sure the tasks described in the Project Design and Procedures section are included in the timeline, and do not add new tasks to the timeline that are not described in the proposal narrative.*
5. The importance of these funds to the completion of the dissertation (1/2 page).
6. The significance or expected impact of the dissertation (1/2 page). *(Note: Your project will be reviewed by a team of individuals with a broad range of expertise, so placing your dissertation in a context of broader significance will be of interest to those outside your discipline.)*

Reference list: Include *only* references or works cited in the project description and list references on a separate page following the project description. (Not included in 3-page limit.)

Budget and justification

Doctoral Student Research Scholarships require a budget and a narrative justification for each item in the budget. Please use the budget summary form provided in the application materials. On a separate page, headed **Budget Justification**, describe what is covered in the amount for each category and the purpose of each budget request. Break down the budget only to whole dollar amounts, rounding as needed. Be specific about budget requests, especially for personnel (explaining number of hours and hourly rate, if appropriate, as well as the nature of work to be performed) and travel (explaining the purpose for the travel and break down the request into airfare, meals, and lodging rate per day). It is not necessary to itemize small amounts spent for supplies and materials. **NOTE: AU does not reimburse taxes in MD, DC and VA.**

Allowable Expenses:	**Expenses Not Allowed:**	
-Travel to specialized facilities or field research locations	-Stipends	-Language Training
-Purchase of supplies, software, or data sets	-Tuition	-Allowances for dependents
-Rental of field or research facilities	-Textbooks	-Travel to conferences/meetings (including travel, lodging, and meals)
-Interviewing costs and similar items	-Journals	-Publication Costs
		-Facilities and administrative costs (sometimes referred to as indirect costs)