



**International Center for Research on Women's
Fourth Annual M.K. Chamberlain Dissertation Award
Frequently Asked Questions**

General

How do I apply?

Submit an online application [HERE](#). Within the application are links for you to share with references so that they can submit their applications independently.

How long is the Award period?

One full academic year: September 2017 through August 2018.

What is the Award amount?

\$10,000 in total: \$8,500 to student, \$1,500 to advisor.

How may I spend the award money?

For students, the Dissertation Award may cover expenses including tuition, fees, books, room and board, research-related travel and any travel-expenses related to the Award. For the Dissertation Advisor, funds may be used to support travel and attendance costs to be present at the student's dissertation presentation at an ICRW event. Funds will be distributed directly to individual members of the winning team in two installments each.

Will ICRW give feedback if my application is not chosen?

No. ICRW will not comment on applications after making award decisions. All applications and supporting materials become the property of ICRW and, as such, will not be returned.

Must I be a U.S. citizen to apply?

No. US citizens, US permanent residents, and non-citizens are invited to apply. However, applicants must be enrolled at an accredited institution in the U.S.

What criteria will be considered?

The Selection Committee, comprised of experts in the field, will consider the following: the applicant's qualifications; the proposed project's consistency with ICRW's mission to empower women, advance gender equality and fight poverty, and the ability of the winning student/advisor team to present the results of the research at an ICRW-sponsored event (likely in September 2018).

Does the Award require the winners to relocate?

No.

How many projects can each team propose?

One. Please choose and submit a single proposal for your strongest idea.

I am currently studying at a university in another country. Am I eligible to apply?

No. The Award is for students enrolled in U.S.-based, accredited academic institutions that confer doctoral degrees.

I am currently applying to other Awards as well. If I receive a Mariam K. Chamberlain Dissertation Award, can I simultaneously apply for other awards?

Yes.

Can the Mariam K. Chamberlain Dissertation Award help cover school tuition or other related expenses?

Yes.

The Project

Are the specified focus areas the only ones you will consider?

Yes. The dissertation proposal must support ICRW's mission to empower women, advance gender equality and fight poverty. It must compliment our main thematic focus areas include violence, rights and inclusion; women's economic empowerment; and global health, youth and development.

If I decide not to apply to the Mariam K. Chamberlain Dissertation Award, is there another way to be connected to ICRW and its work?

Yes. Joining our e-mail list is the best way to stay up-to-date on our current activities. [You can subscribe here.](#)

The Application and Interview Process

Does the application have to be sent by May 31st, or does it have to be received by that date?

Applications and all supporting material, including reference letters, must be electronically transmitted by no later than 11:59 pm EST on **May 31, 2016**, via this [link](#).

What font and line spacing should I use for the application? Can I include charts and other graphics in my narrative?

Please use 11-point font, 1.5 line spacing and one-inch margins. Charts and diagrams are acceptable but must be included in the page limitations.

What kind of references do you need to have?

Please provide three professional references to support your application. There are instructions within the application for how to have your references submit their letters independently. Your letters of reference must be electronically transmitted by no later than 11:59 pm EST on **May 31, 2017. No exceptions!**

Can I provide supplementary materials with my application, such as an article or video?

Please do not provide supplementary materials beyond what is requested in the application. We will request additional materials as needed.

How many Awards are made annually?

There will be one student-and-advisor team receiving the award each year.

Is there an interview? When is it, and when will I know whether I have been selected?

Depending upon the applicant pool, we may decide to interview 2-3 finalists. We hope to select and notify the finalists by early August 2017.

Are the interviews in person??

If interviews are held, they will be conducted by phone with the members of the Selection Committee. Only the student member of the team applying for the Award will need to participate in the interview.

Funding and Project Budget

Will there be additional resources to complete the proposed project? For example, travel funds?

No, the winning student and advisor are expected to cover any award-related expenses from their prize money.

Is there an opportunity to continue working with ICRW after the Award period ends?

This Award does not lead to a paid staff position at ICRW. However, we encourage all winners to join our network and to continue sharing your work with the organization.