

International Center for Research on Women Mariam K. Chamberlain Dissertation Award Frequently Asked Questions

General

How do I apply?

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

[Link to advisor reference](#)

[Link for additional academic reference](#)

How long is the Award period?

One year: Approximately November 2020 through October 2021.

What is the Award amount?

\$10,000 in total: \$8,500 to student, \$1,500 to advisor (or \$1,500 to be split among advisors if there are multiple advisors).

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 advance gender equity, inclusion and shared prosperity; and the ability of the winning student/advisor team to present the results of the research at an ICRW-sponsored event. Preference is to award a student who identifies as a woman.

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. However, students may be of any nationality or citizenship status.

Another member of my family has received a doctoral degree, am I eligible for the Chamberlain Award?

No. The applicant must be a first generation doctoral student (includes immigrant students)

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 advance gender equity, inclusion and shared prosperity. It must complement our main thematic focus areas including 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 October 14 or does it have to be received by that date?

Applications and all supporting material, including reference letters, CVs and transcripts, must be **electronically** transmitted by no later than 11:59 pm EST on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 via [this link](#). Hard copy applications or materials will not be accepted.

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 academic references to support your application, including one from your dissertation advisor. 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 Wednesday, October 14, 2020. 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 mid-November 2020.

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.

When will the final winner be notified?

We hope to have the final winner notified by mid-November 2020.

How do I know if my project has won the award?

Due to the high volume of submissions, only finalists will be contacted.

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.