Grant Title: SBE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Grant Number: NSF 06-605

Area of Research: Grants to doctoral students to improve the quality of dissertation research.

Release and Expiration: March 21, 2005 release; expiration not listed.

Application Deadline: January 16 & August 16, 2006 (Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics); January 15 & August 15, 2006 (Law and Social Sciences); February 15 & October 15, 2006 (Sociology).

Amount: Standard Amount; $2,500,000 annually across all programs; 200-300 awards.

Length of Support: Dependent upon available funds.

Eligible applicants: Student must be enrolled at an U.S. academic institution, but need not be an U.S. citizen.

Agency/Department: NSF; Social, Behavioral, & Economic Sciences

Summary: The National Science Foundation's Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS) and Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES) award grants to doctoral students to improve the quality of dissertation research. These grants provide funds for items not normally available through the student's university. Additionally, these grants allow doctoral students to undertake significant data-gathering projects and to conduct field research in settings away from their campus that would not otherwise be possible. Proposals are judged on the basis of their scientific merit, including the theoretical importance of the research question and the appropriateness of the proposed data and methodology to be used in addressing the question.

In an effort to improve the quality of dissertation research, many programs in the Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS) and the Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES) accept doctoral dissertation improvement grant proposals. Items such as budget limitations, target dates and/or deadlines, page length restrictions, and review procedures vary widely across programs. Please consult the relevant program's webpage for specific information and contact the program director if necessary.