

**Proposal template**  
**Gerontology Institute Dissertation Support Program**  
**University of Massachusetts Boston**

1. Cover sheet including
  - a. Applicant's name and email address
  - b. Dissertation committee chair
  - c. Other members of the dissertation committee
  - d. Date of dissertation proposal defense
  - e. Title of dissertation project
2. Body of the proposal: maximum of 4 double-spaced pages inclusive of references, tables and figures.
  - a. Purpose of the study
  - b. Significance of the dissertation project
  - c. Background—brief literature review
  - d. Data and methods
  - e. *For the Wu program*, briefly describe how the dissertation research aligns with the purpose of the fund: to support national and cross-national or cross-cultural research on aging Asian-Americans with an emphasis on older Chinese and Chinese-American individuals.
3. Budget
  - a. Itemized list of budget request
  - b. Short justification for items listed
4. Certifications
  - a. Is the dissertation project currently being considered for support by any other organization? If yes, provide details (name of funding organization, amount requested, start date if funded, other pertinent information including how the proposed use of funds in this request differs)
  - b. Have you received financial support from any source for the research activity for which you are submitting this grant application? If yes, briefly explain how the proposed use of funds in this request differs from the use of prior financial support
  - c. Have you obtained the necessary Institutional Review Board approval for your project? If yes, when was it obtained? If no, when do you plan to submit for approval? *Please note that project funds will not be dispersed until IRB approval is obtained.*

***Submit your application to the Graduate Program Director, copied to your dissertation chair.***

***Deadlines for submission of applications are September 15 and January 15.***