**2019 MSR Most Promising Dissertation Proposal Awards**

**EXTENDED SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**  **May 17, 2019, 5:00 PM EDT**

The Academy of Management MSR Interest Group is pleased to announce the 2019 Most Promising Dissertation Proposal Awards. These awards are made available annually to doctoral candidates approaching completion of comprehensive exams, beginning the formulation of their dissertation topics, and/or currently performing dissertation-related research. This year, we are pleased to continue a tradition of awarding stipends to top finalists for the purpose of offsetting dissertation research and conference travel costs.

The purpose of these awards is to honor and assist doctoral candidates working in the domain of Management, Spirituality, and Religion (MSR) to develop quality dissertations that can: (1) integrate management with spirituality and/or religion, and (2) reflect novel and/or significant evidence-based theoretical and/or applied contributions to the field. As an emerging discipline of scholarship within the Academy of Management, MSR seeks to encourage quality doctoral dissertations as a springboard to ongoing contributory research and inquiry.

Submissions should generally align with the MSR domain statement: "MSR explores how spirituality and religion can influence organizational dynamics and affect management outcomes. In that regard, MSR is devoted to defining the relevance and impact of spirituality and religion in management, organizations and society. Major areas of study include theory building and empirical research around the issues of faith, spirituality and religion as they influence principles and practices in management. Important contributions have been made in MSR research to better understand the meaning of work, the impact of spirituality and spiritual leadership in the workplace, the purpose of business, the affects of religious pluralism in the workplace, and the distinctive elements of individual religious and spiritual beliefs that cultivate inner awareness and promote wisdom for the common good."

Please include a digital photo with all submissions. Submission of material for this award shall be deemed as an acknowledgement by applicants that they authorize the MSR Interest Group to publish photos, biographical information, and/or portions of submitted material for press releases or other purposes that the organization may deem appropriate.

**Expectations of Finalists**

.       Attend the 2019 Academy of Management meeting in Boston, MA, USA, August 9-13, 2019.  Note: See the additional requirement to attend the pre-conference MSR Consortium as follows.

.       Attend the MSR Scholarship and Publishing Consortium which precedes the AOM conference.  This year's Consortium is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2019.

.       Come to the Consortium prepared to discuss progress to date on your research proposal as well as receive feedback during the session.

.       Attend the dissertation awards presentation during the MSR business meeting tentatively scheduled for Sunday during the conference. Meeting schedules will be finalized before the conference date.

.       Submit a scholarly paper to MSR through the Academy of Management review process when the thesis is completed. This would normally occur within one or two years after receiving the award.

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Dissertation proposals must be submitted by **May 17, 2019, 5:00 PM EDT** to be considered for an award. Finalists will be notified approximately two months in advance of the Academy of Management Annual Meeting to allow time to make appropriate travel plans for attendance. Additional information on the AOM conference may be found [here](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__aom.org_annualmeeting_&d=DwIBAg&c=aqMfXOEvEJQh2iQMCb7Wy8l0sPnURkcqADc2guUW8IM&r=BqgPiBDe9pPN685ACFyIjMUXG3rfDtPlGl1RuVsAUwU&m=bNsPrh33_vrIdJ_JUExTTayeDI22gKiHSQA5rAbnEUM&s=oKSXNfdr9wTH9DtbqDOxZmdCnazKEjNu30HEa89SN8A&e=.).

Submission Requirements: **Please email your dissertation proposal to the MSR Most Promising Dissertation Proposal Committee Chair before the May 17th due date**. Electronic submissions can also be made to the following link: [Click this link for submission](https://fordham.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8ADAmxtXOLwXsFv)

**Submission Requirements**

NO MORE THAN FOUR (4) DOUBLE-SPACED PAGES MAY BE SUBMITTED, INCLUDING REFERENCES AND/OR FIGURES, providing an overview ('executive summary') of the proposed research, setting forth the topic of interest or study, its relevance to MSR, links to interesting theoretical concerns, preliminary or current methodological approaches, and connection to managerial actions or practice. "Refined' proposals and/or research findings are not required. An aim of the Most Promising Dissertation Awards is to capture early ideation or research of significant promise and to provide subsequent assistance in the refinement of quality scholarly efforts. **Already completed or defended dissertations are ineligible.** Please contact the MSR Dissertation Proposal Committee Chair for questions regarding qualifications or eligibility of your submission.

**Selection Committee**

The selection committee for the Most Promising Dissertation Awards in any given year may consist of MSR Interest Group officers, distinguished Academy of Management scholars, and external invited reviewers. All decisions by the selection committee are final. Anyone who wishes to serve on the selection committee should contact either the MSR Dissertation Proposal Committee Chair or the MSR Chair if interested.

Thank you for your support and interest in MSR.  We look forward to your participation in this program.

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