



Otto N. Larsen Dissertation Award

Otto N. Larsen (January 23, 1922-May 20, 2007) received his Ph.D. in 1955 from the University of Washington, Department of Sociology, and began an appointment as an Assistant Professor of Sociology in 1955, was promoted to Associate Professor (1958), to Professor (1962), and served as Chair of the Department from 1971-1972. Professor Larsen's areas of expertise were mass communication, media, and violence. Professor Larsen was gregarious, fun-loving, and occasionally irreverent. He was also a creative, effective, and highly admired teacher who was deeply serious about social science. Professor Larsen retired in 1986, and continued as an Emeritus Professor until his death in 2007. This award reflects his commitment to the advancement of knowledge.

Purpose: Graduate Student Dissertation Award. The merit of the project and the need for the funds will be the primary criteria for this award.

Requirements: Student must be advanced to candidacy and be in good standing in the program. Student must also have completed all coursework in their Ph.D. Training Plan.

Awards: One award per year so long as funds are available, expected to be \$500. Award amount may vary on occasion.

Due date: Approximately November 1 of each academic year. A call for applications will be publicized to all Graduate Students on the socgrads@uw.edu email list with specific deadlines and requirements.

Submission: Nominations by a faculty member (accompanied by a complete application package) and applications by graduate students will be accepted. Nomination and application packages should be submitted to the Graduate Program Assistant.

Review process: Proposals will be reviewed by the Graduate Program Committee.

Application materials:

1. Cover page with the following elements (maximum of 1 page):
 - a. Name
 - b. Email address
 - c. Phone
 - d. Project Title
2. Project narrative with the following elements (maximum of 2 pages):
 - a. Description of the objectives, significance, expected contributions to the field, and procedures that will be used.
 - b. Description of how the award will contribute to the research.
3. Summary of the dissertation prospectus (maximum of 4 pages).

4. Letter of recommendation from the dissertation committee chair
5. Transcript
6. CV

Criteria:

- Importance of the research and its potential contribution to the field.
- The importance of funding for successful completion of the dissertation.
- Ability to conduct/complete the research.
- Satisfactory progress through the program to date.