



Risk Management and
Decision Processes Center

RUSSELL ACKOFF DOCTORAL STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Deadline: March 22, 2021

The **Ackoff Doctoral Student Fellowship** program of the Wharton Risk Management and Decision Processes Center provides research grants to University of Pennsylvania doctoral students who are conducting research directly related to the Risk Center's current research agenda. **Potential topics to receive funding should align thematically with one of our five research labs:**

- (1) [disaster risk management](#)
- (2) [business, climate, and the environment](#)
- (3) [risk communication & decision-making](#)
- (4) [behavioral science & technology](#)
- (5) [political risk](#)

We encourage students to visit the lab websites to better understand current priority topics.

The fellowship provides up to \$4,000 for research support. Proposals can reflect a broad range of theoretical and methodological perspectives.

The funds may be used only for data collection, surveys, and other direct research expenses. Due to ongoing University travel restrictions, 2021 Ackoff funds **will not** be used to support any travel. Registration fees for online conferences where the applicant is presenting research, however, will be supported.

Award recipients are required to write at least one blog post for the [Risk Center's blog, Lab Notes](#), based on their research. Blog posts should generally be 1,000-2,000 words in length and be written for an educated, lay audience. Award recipients will also be invited to participate in the Center's junior research seminar, designed to provide early-stage scholars with the opportunity to present their research and receive feedback on their work.

To apply: Please submit your proposal and the application form to Carol Heller at hellerc@wharton.upenn.edu.

***About the Wharton Risk Center:** The Wharton Risk Management and Decision Processes Center at the University of Pennsylvania is recognized worldwide as a leader in risk-related research and policy analysis. Established in 1985, the Risk Center undertakes cutting-edge research on a range of risk-related topics, promotes multi-disciplinary investigations to analyze societal challenges, and engages in cross-sector collaborations to develop innovative policy solutions to improve resilience across sectors and scales through our Policy Incubator.*

Application Instructions

To apply: Applications must include a proposal and the application form. Proposals should be 4 pages in length and should include the following information:

On pages 1 and 2, please address the following topics:

1. Goals of the proposed research
2. Description of the planned methodology
3. Explanation of why funding is being sought

On page 3, please answer the following budgetary questions:

1. Provide a detailed budget and budget justification describing the anticipated expenses.

Note: Conference travel will not be supported in the 2021 award cycle. Virtual conference registration fees will be supported if the student is presenting their research.

2. Include a description of other current sources of research funding from your department.

(Please format your proposal so that budget information and funding sources are the only information on page 3.)

On page 4, please include a brief statement from your Penn faculty advisor certifying that they have read the proposal and will be in residence to supervise the proposed research over the coming year. If the advisor will be away (e.g., due to sabbatical) for all or part of the year, the statement should indicate how the work will be supervised remotely.

APPLICANTS WHO RECEIVED FUNDING IN 2020 MUST INCLUDE A 5th PAGE TO THE PROPOSAL DESCRIBING:

1. Specific outcomes of the 2020-funded research (e.g., papers completed, conference presentations) and current status.
2. How the funds were used. If the funds were used to present at a conference, please include a statement indicating: (1) the name of the conference; and (2) how the research was presented (e.g., poster session, regular session presentation).

Submit your proposal electronically to Carol Heller at hellerc@wharton.upenn.edu by **March 22.**

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Applicants who are accepted will receive an award letter via e-mail later in the spring.

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| Name: | |
| E-mail: | |
| Telephone Number: | |
| ADVISOR INFORMATION | |
| Department: | |
| Faculty Advisor: | |
| Faculty Advisor E-mail: | |
| DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION | |
| Business Administrator: | |
| Business Administrator E-mail: | |
| PROJECT INFORMATION | |
| Project Title: | |
| Research Field | |
| Amount of Request: \$ | |
| Other sources of support for your research: | |
| Grant: \$ | |
| Other (specify): \$ | |
| How did you learn about the Russell Ackoff Fellowship? | |
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| ACADEMIC APPROVAL: Student's advisor must sign this application <u>before</u> it will be accepted. | |
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| Faculty Advisor's Signature | Date |