



## **GADE INITIATIVE FOR CROSS-INSTITUTIONAL STUDENT COLLABORATION**

### **Call for Applications**

The GADE Initiative for Cross-Institutional Student Collaboration is a mechanism designed to engage students across universities around social work doctoral education topics, with an emphasis on centering student roles, leadership, and perspectives. Selected initiatives will result in sharing of information among institutions and serve as catalysts for discussion and potential new directions and opportunities within diverse social work programs.

The winner of the GADE Initiative for Cross-Institutional Student Collaboration will be provided a certificate and a \$2,500 award at the GADE Reception at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society of Social Work and Research in Washington, DC (January 12-16, 2022). GADE is unable to pay for SSWR membership fees or conference registration.

### **Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work (GADE)**

The broad mission of GADE is to promote rigor in doctoral education in social work, focusing on preparing scholars, researchers, and educators who function as stewards of the discipline. GADE arose specifically as a collaborative effort among member organizations to raise the profile and excellence of PhD social work education and now includes member organizations with both PhD and DSW programs. Its efforts directed toward social work doctoral education occur in many venues and forms.

In recent years, several initiatives directly relevant to quality social work doctoral education have involved substantial leadership from groups of current doctoral students. Groups of students have contributed to and organized dialogues around issues such as abuse of power in educational contexts (I am Student X in 2018), new research/methods approach (Reimagining Social Work Research Event in 2019), and anti-racist pedagogy in doctoral education (A series led by and created for doctoral students in 2020-2021). These activities have been particularly impactful because they mirror GADE's efforts to bring individuals together across institutions to share information, energy, and experience in service of improving social work doctoral education.

## **Award Criteria**

Proposals responding to this opportunity should identify a specific aspect of social work doctoral education for attention. A specific goal should be identified. Successful proposals will include students (PhD and/or DSW) from at least 3 GADE institutions who will help to organize activities during the academic year, with emphasis on student voices, experiences, and perspectives. Specific planned activities/conversations may vary and will often depend upon the issue selected. Initiatives should occur in collaboration with at least 2 GADE doctoral program directors who will help to ensure continuous connection with GADE's mission. Beyond these minimum requirements, areas of focus will be left to the discretion of proposal teams. Proposed topics and activities can take a variety of forms but are encouraged to engage broader constituencies beyond those organizing the proposal (e.g., students/faculty).

Proposals will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- 1. Scope and Significance**
  - a. Issue identified is relevant to many GADE member organizations
  - b. Topical focus is timely in the context of other recent events/initiatives
- 2. Proposed Activities**
  - a. Aims to build cross-institutional dialogue and capacity
  - b. Activities aim to improve some aspect of future-oriented social work doctoral education
  - c. Activities proposed engage students and faculty from diverse institutions
- 3. Student Leadership Involvement**
  - a. Students involved have a substantial and clear leadership role in proposed project
- 4. Dissemination**
  - a. Inspires information / data sharing and collaboration among member organizations
  - b. Clear plan for final summary report and/or dissemination
- 5. Budget**
  - a. Clear plan for how funds will be utilized

## **Application Procedures**

***Deadline for Submission:*** October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

***Application should Include:***

- (1) Name of the student
- (2) Contact information for the student (i.e., phone and e-mail address)
- (3) University and program the student attends
- (4) A proposal of no more than 1500 words (excluding the budget) that covers the following content:

- a. Goal and scope of the initiative
- b. Significance of the initiative
- c. Partners/institutions involved
- d. Project activities
- e. A plan for dissemination of the initiative activities.
- f. A timeline of the proposed initiative (**Note: projects must be completed by December 31, 2022**).
- g. A detailed budget.

Additionally, please submit applicants' current CVs as a separate appendix.

A single .pdf file including all required elements must be submitted electronically via e-mail attachment.

**Submission:** Nominations should be submitted to the GADE Board at:  
[GadeAwards@gadephd.org](mailto:GadeAwards@gadephd.org)

Applications that do not comport with the above requirements will not be considered.

The email Subject Line should read:

**2022 GADE Initiative for Cross-Institutional Student Collaboration (Your University).**

**Application Processing:** The GADE Board will review all nominations. Nominees will be informed of the final decision on or before November 1, 2021.