The David L. Clark National Graduate Student Research Seminar in Educational Administration & Policy, sponsored by the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA), Divisions A and L of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), and SAGE Publications, brings emerging educational administration and policy scholars and noted researchers together for presentations, generative discussion, and professional growth. This year’s seminar will be held in-person (tentatively) at the beginning of the 2022 AERA meeting.

Nominations for the David L. Clark National Graduate Student Research Seminar are due 11:59 pm EST Friday, December 10, 2021.

Nominees should be outstanding doctoral students in PK-12 educational leadership and administration and/or PK-16 education policy, seeking careers in research. Nominees must have substantially completed their courses and must have formulated a dissertation proposal. In their statement of research, student nominees are asked to elaborate on the type of developmental support they would like to receive as a Clark Scholar—whether at the early phase of their dissertation or nearing completion. Nominations of students from underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged.

Each university may nominate up to two students. Nominations must be accompanied by a student research proposal, and all materials will be submitted online via the UCEA website. The nomination form can be found at https://members.ucea.org/clark/nominations/new. An overview of the Clark Seminar process can be found on the “David Clark Seminar” page of the UCEA website: http://www.ucea.org/grad-student-focus/david-clark-seminar/

To nominate a student, the nomination form must be filled out completely by the nominator via the link above. The information requested includes: (a) nominator’s information (name, institution/affiliation, mailing address, email address, and phone number), (b) nomination statement, (c) student information (name; institution/affiliation; phone numbers; mailing address; email address), (d) an abstract of student’s research, (e) a title, and (f) a blinded statement of proposed research.

Nominating institutions must also indicate the level of financial support that will be provided to support their nominee’s travel and participation. Given the cost of hotels and transportation, we recommend an allocation of at least $1,000 per student. Again, please note that the form must be submitted by the nominator and will require that the nominator gather the necessary information from the nominee.

The student’s statement of proposed research should be no more than three (3) single-spaced pages, not including the references, responding to these prompts:

1) **Research Overview**: What problem are they pursuing or plan to pursue in their dissertation research? What is their intended contribution to theory and practice? What are their research questions and study procedures?

2) **Research Development**: What type of feedback are they looking for to advance their dissertation? Be specific.

The (a) abstract, (b) statement of proposed research, and (c) file name should be devoid of reference to the nominee’s name and institution/affiliation. Student proposals are blind reviewed by three scholars. Competition is based on the quality of the student’s proposal and his/her perceived capacity to gain from and contribute to the seminar. To be considered complete, both the faculty nomination and the student research proposal must be received by Friday, December 10, 2021.

Invitations will be extended at the end of January 2022. If you have any questions, please email Mariama Nagbe at nagbemar@msu.edu.