

Nirmal and Tara Sethia Graduate Scholarship Fund in Curriculum Studies for Doctoral Dissertations on Nonviolence

To qualify for this scholarship, the primary focus of the dissertation must be on nonviolence as a positive force rooted in reverence for life, making it the essence of a good life and a good society, and a vital factor in ecological sustainability. Nonviolence encompasses values such as amity, care and compassion, humility, empathy and forgiveness, and its cultivation is facilitated by mindfulness and meditation. A dissertation supported by this scholarship should be well aligned with this understanding of nonviolence.

Purpose of Award: Sethia Doctoral Dissertation Scholarship will provide support for dissertation work that serves to do one or more of the following:

- significantly advance the understanding of the fundamental role of nonviolence in education and curriculum,
- contribute innovative pedagogies anchored in nonviolence as a positive force,
- demonstrate ways in which nonviolence education makes positive difference at individual and collective levels,
- substantially enhance effectiveness of practices related to nonviolence, such as mindfulness in education,
- highlight the pivotal role of nonviolence curriculum for ecological sustainability.

1. Eligibility

The Fellowship is open to all doctoral students in Curriculum Studies at OSU who have become a doctoral candidate, with their dissertation focus on **nonviolence**. Priority should be given to students who have elected the International Peace and Curriculum option.

2. Application

Application deadline for the 2024-2025 year is **February 1, 2025**. Applications for the scholarship must include the following items:

- a. Dissertation Chapter 1 and another chapter.
- b. Statement from the applicant that explains how the dissertation fulfills the purpose of the award (800 word limit) and lays out the timeline for progress in and completion of dissertation work (300 word limit).
- c. Letters of support from the dissertation advisor and another member of the advisory committee.

3. Review: Your proposal will be assessed according to the criteria of relevancy, rigor, integration, significance, and writing.

4. Award: Two dissertation scholarships will be awarded with \$10,000 for each recipient.

Please apply for the scholarship via the link below.

<https://okstate-colleges.infoready4.com/#freeformCompetitionDetail/1956825>