



## DAVID L. CLARK NATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SEMINAR IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION & POLICY

### A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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 two days of presentations, generative discussion, and professional growth. The majority of Clark Scholars go on to become professors at major research institutions around the world. This year's seminar will be held at the beginning of this year's AERA meeting in San Antonio, Texas (tentatively scheduled for April 26-27, 2017).

Nominations for the David L. Clark National Graduate Student Research Seminar in Educational Administration & Policy are due **Friday, November 4, 2016**.

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. Students who have already started or completed their dissertations are unlikely to gain as much from the seminar as students who are in the early stages of formulating their research. 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>) and an overview of the Clark Seminar process can be found on the "David Clark Seminar" page of UCEA website (<http://www.ucea.org/graduate-student-opportunities/david-clark-seminar/nomination-process/>).

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; day, evening, and cell phone numbers; mailing address; email address); (d) an abstract of student 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 \$700 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 two (2) single-spaced pages, not including the references section, and should outline the problem he/she is pursuing or plans to pursue in his/her dissertation research, its intended contribution to theory and practice, specific research questions, and study procedures. *The abstract and statement of proposed research should be devoid of any reference to the nominee's name and/or institution/affiliation.* Student proposals are blind reviewed by three prominent scholars. Invitations will be issued to 42 doctoral students with competition 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 the deadline.

Additional information concerning the seminar is available on the "David Clark Seminar" page of UCEA website (<http://www.ucea.org/graduate-student-opportunities/david-clark-seminar/>). We expect to extend invitations in December 2016. If you have any questions, please call (434) 243-1041.

