Applications are invited between February 7, 2017 and March 17, 2017 from advanced graduate students at UIC for this annual research award honoring the late Dr. M. Rue Bucher, Professor of Sociology at UIC. Students using qualitative or field methods who are working toward doctoral degrees and advanced to candidacy in any unit of UIC are eligible to apply for the award, which consists of a monetary grant of $1000.

Appropriate topics include (but are not limited to) studies of occupations and professions, health and illness, and gender in society, areas of research to which Professor Bucher contributed. Support for research expenses such as data collection costs, computer software, and research travel will be considered. An interdepartmental jury will judge the proposals.

Proposals should specify the topic and its theoretical and/or practical significance, the site or sample and the state of the researcher’s entrée, the proposed methods (interviews, observations, document analysis, or other qualitative approaches) and the research design in sufficient detail and clarity to allow referees to judge the worthiness of the project and the likelihood of its accomplishment. A brief budget explaining how the award would be spent should be included. Documentation of human subjects institutional review (or exemption) will be required before any award can be made (but not at the time of the proposal’s submission).

Proposals should not exceed 2000 words (8 double spaced, typewritten pages, size 12 font), not counting a required 150-word abstract, budget, and works cited listing. Include a cover sheet with the title of the project, the applicant’s name, year of admission to doctoral program, applicant’s phone number, email address, UIC mail address, college, department, and name of advisor. Submit one copy of the complete document in PDF form to the Committee Chair:

Professor Barbara J. Risman
(brisman@uic.edu)

A letter of support from the student’s advisor should be submitted to the Chair by e-mail under separate cover and include a description of the applicant’s progress toward completion of the degree.

Proposals are due in Professor Risman’s email inbox by Friday, March 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Announcement of the award recipient will be made in mid April. Recipient is expected to attend the Sociology Department Awards ceremony on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 12:00 pm in BSB 4105.

Questions should be addressed to Professor Risman by e-mail (brisman@uic.edu).