

Sisters of the Academy (SOTA)

Mission

SOTA's mission is to create an educational network of Black women in higher education committed to fostering continuous scholarship and academic achievements. Through this commitment, members of the organization will impact Black people, schools and communities.

Purpose of the Research Boot Camp and Symposium

- To create a forum for senior scholars, junior scholars, and doctoral students to advance their research skills.
- To connect participants with mentors who will assist them in their development as scholars in the academy.

Overview

SOTA's Research Boot Camp will be held May 15–20, 2005, with the Research Symposium beginning on May 20–21, on the campus of Auburn University in Alabama. The Research Boot Camp is an intense, one-week program that has been designed to help doctoral students and junior scholars develop sound research agendas. Senior scholars, methodologists, and theorists will facilitate workshops intended to help doctoral students conceptualize and design components of their dissertations including research questions/hypotheses, literature review, instrumentation, methodology and data analysis. These senior scholars will also assist junior scholars in the development of manuscripts for publication. In addition to the research component, each participant will be linked with a mentor, either a junior or senior scholar, to help cultivate a mentoring relationship.

The purpose of the Research Symposium is to allow our membership and others to engage in active research preparation and professional workshops. The workshops will focus on pertinent and relevant issues that affect successful matriculation through graduate school and university promotion and tenure processes for junior faculty. We will have a call for Proposals for workshop presenters. Guest speakers will be well known scholars in Higher Education.

Fee Structure

I. Boot Camp (Non-member fee includes one year of SOTA membership)	
Doctoral Students (SOTA members).....	\$500
Doctoral Students (non-members).....	\$550
Faculty (SOTA members).....	\$600
Faculty (non-member).....	\$700
II. Symposium – Pre-registration	
SOTA Members.....	\$ 60
Non-members.....	\$ 80
Symposium – On-site	
SOTA Members.....	\$70
Non-members.....	\$90

NOTE: Graduate students should seek financial assistance for this research opportunity through their departments or graduate schools. Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis.

Lodging: Participants are responsible for covering the cost of their accommodations while in Auburn. Reservations can be made at Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center (241 South College Street, Auburn, Alabama 36830). All rooms for Boot Camp participants are \$84 per night. The deadline for receiving this rate is April 30, 2005. For reservations, call toll-free 800-228-2876.

Transportation: Participants who choose to fly are encouraged to fly into Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport and take a shuttle into Auburn, Alabama. Travel arrangements can be made through a variety of airlines. Ground transportation is also available through shuttle services at the airport. More information provided at www.atlanta-airport.com/.

Application Process: The Boot Camp has been designed for those individuals in social science disciplines. There are three levels of participation and a specific application process for each level. Applications must be accompanied with a \$100 refundable fee application fee.

Junior Faculty: All pre-tenure social science faculty in the academy. [Junior Faculty will also be asked to mentor doctoral students] Junior Faculty should submit the following items with their Boot Camp Application:

- o Curriculum Vitae
- o Letter of support from department chair or departmental mentor
- o Personal Statement addressing the following questions:

Describe your research agenda, and how far have you advanced toward this agenda.

Where do you anticipate your research agenda to be by the time the Boot Camp begins?

What expectations does your institution have of you to achieve promotion and tenure?

Given your experiences at your institution, what challenges have you faced in meeting these expectations?

What do you expect to gain from the Boot Camp?

Level Two - Doctoral Student is a student in the social sciences who has successfully defended the research proposal and is in the process of conducting the research/data collection stage. Doctoral students interested in attending the Research Boot Camp should submit the following materials with their application:

- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Abstract of your research goals
- Methodology section of your research proposal or dissertation
- Letter of support from faculty advisor addressing (1) student's strengths and weaknesses as a researcher and (2) skills you would like student develop as they pertain to conducting research.

- Personal Statement addressing the following (2–3 pages):

Describe your research interests and any research experiences you have participated in during your program

What research skills you would like to develop (i.e. statistical analysis, survey design, data management)

What you expect to gain from the Boot Camp

Level One - Doctoral Student is a doctoral student in the social sciences who is preparing the research or dissertation proposal. Doctoral students interested in attending the research boot camp should submit the following materials with their application:

- o Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- o Abstract of your research goals
- o Letter of support from faculty advisor addressing: (1) student's strengths and weaknesses as a researcher and (2) skills you would like student to develop as they pertain to conducting research.
- o Personal Statement addressing the following (2–3 pages):

Describe your research interests and any research experiences have you participated in during your program?

What research skills you would like to develop (i.e. statistical analysis, survey design, data management)?

What do you expect to gain from the Boot Camp?

Research Boot Camp Application

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Institutional Affiliation _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Current Status: (if student, Degree pursuing) _____

Expected Year of Completion _____

Major/Field of Study: _____

Which level are you?] Junior Scholar

] Level One Doctoral] Level Two Doctoral

List the name, title, institutional affiliation, telephone number and e-mail address of the person from whom you are requesting a letter of support.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

This application is available in alternative format upon request.

Application Deadline:

All application materials should be postmarked by
March 31, 2005
for priority consideration.

Application must include a \$100 deposit.
Remainder of the registration fee is due by April 30, 2005

Please send materials to:

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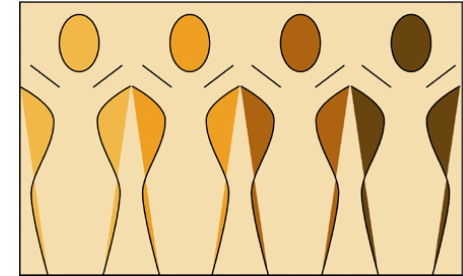
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