



2021 OMT Dissertation Proposal Workshop Academy of Management Annual Meeting

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Call for Applications

Application Deadline: June 1, 2021

What It Is:

Like every year, the OMT Division will again be holding its annual Dissertation Proposal Workshop as part of the Academy's Annual Meeting—albeit in a virtual form again this year. The Dissertation Proposal Workshop is a chance for students *at the pre-proposal stage* to draw on the wisdom and expertise of a group of established OMT scholars to develop a defensible dissertation proposal.

Classes and preliminary exams usually have clear structures and guideline. But we often get little sense of how to turn our vague good ideas into dissertation proposals that will intrigue potential committee members, pass a defense, and grow into a high-quality dissertation. The current workshop addresses this gap by helping participants improve the focus and framing of research questions, identify and address methodological issues, and constructively critique conceptual foundations.

The conversations may also address process issues like managing your dissertation committee and completing the dissertation. The workshop consists of small roundtable discussions between faculty panelists and doctoral students working on dissertation proposals in the panelist's area of expertise.

Who Should Attend:

The Dissertation Proposal Workshop is aimed at students who have completed preliminaries and have selected a dissertation topic but have not yet defended their dissertation proposal. If you have a 50-page proposal with data, well-defined hypotheses, and a committee, you are probably too advanced. On the other hand, if you have not narrowed your ideas beyond a broad theoretical or phenomenological space, you are probably too early.

How to Apply:

Doctoral students interested in participating in the workshop should **have a faculty member send a short application [email](#) to Renate Meyer**. In addition, applicants should provide a **maximum 5-page abstract** outlining a research area, methodological approach, and potential contributions, according to the guidelines below, under Application Instructions.

These abstracts will form the basis of discussions during the workshop and will be shared with the group at the participant's table. The **deadline for applications is June 1, 2021 by 5pm EST**. Attendance is strictly limited so early application is advised.

Application Instructions:

Doctoral students interested in participating in the workshop should provide the following information in their [email](#) to Renate Meyer:

- Full name and email address;
- Affiliated school and university;
- A confirmation that they are (or will become) a member of the OMT division; and
- A maximum 5-page abstract outlining research area, methodological approach, and potential contributions. These abstracts will form the basis of discussions during the workshop and will be shared with the group at the participant's table;
- A short supporting [email](#) by a faculty member.

More information

- When: tentatively set for Friday, July 30th.
- Faculty mentors:
 - Christine Beckman, University of Southern California
 - Peer Fiss, University of Southern California
 - Markus Höllerer, UNSW Sydney Business School
 - Candace Jones, University of Edinburgh Business School
 - Martin Kilduff, UCL School of Management
 - Renate Meyer, WU Vienna
 - Nelson Phillips, Imperial College
 - Trish Reay, University of Alberta School of Business
 - Marc-David Seidel, University of British Columbia
 - Wendy Smith, University of Delaware
- Admission fees: There is no fee for attending the workshop, although you will need to be registered for the Academy of Management Meetings to attend
- Application deadline: June 1, 2021 by 5pm EST.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

We look forward to seeing you virtually at AOM!

Renate Meyer