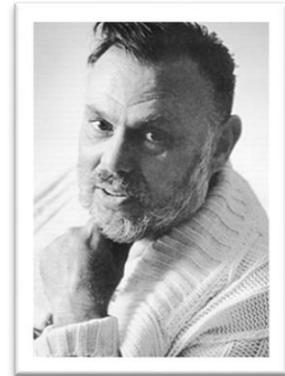


Gil Geis Memorial PhD Scholarship

The Institute for Fraud Prevention (IFP) in concert with the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) announces the 2017 Gil Geis Memorial PhD Scholarship. The \$10,000 scholarship award is designed to support PhD students whose research focus is forensic accounting and fraud examination, including the prevention, deterrence, detection, investigation and remediation of fraud.

The IFP is an industry/university cooperative research center dedicated to multi-disciplinary research, education and prevention of fraud and corruption. The IFP's primary mission is to improve the ability of business and government to combat these crimes and to educate the general public on effective methods of recognizing and deterring them.

Gil Geis, a former ACFE president and one of its pillars, was a seminal white-collar crime researcher, author and teacher. As such, research that contributes to the anti-fraud efforts of practice and regulation is of high priority for the Gil Geis Memorial PhD Scholarship.



Call for PhD Research Proposals

Each year, the IFP's goal is to award the Gil Geis Memorial PhD Scholarship (\$10,000) that will support the research efforts of PhD students aspiring to improve the ability of business, government and other organizations to combat fraud, including effective methodologies to prevent, deter, detect, investigate and remediate fraud.

- **Eligibility**
Gil Geis Memorial PhD Scholarship awards (\$10,000) are given directly to PhD students who are in the dissertation phase of their academic program. Individuals from diverse fields and backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Applicants need not be in the field of accounting. Further, there are no geographic restrictions (e.g., applicants need not be from the U.S.)
- **Deadlines**
The 2017 submission deadline is December 1. Proposals should be submitted to the IFP Director of Research, Richard Riley (richard.riley@mail.wvu.edu).



Selection Committee

The 2017 Gil Geis Memorial PhD Scholarship Selection Committee consists of the following individuals:

- Chad Albrecht, Utah State University
- Joseph Brazel, North Carolina State University
- Tina Carpenter, University of Georgia
- Kip Holderness, West Virginia University
- Timothy Pearson, Georgia Southern University
- Greg Trompeter, University of Central Florida

Grant Guidelines

The Gil Geis Memorial PhD Scholarship offers grants to PhD students to produce academic research directed at improving the ability of business, government and other organizations to combat fraud. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, effective methods for the prevention, deterrence, detection, investigation and remediation of fraud. PhD mentors and co-authors may work on the project and may be listed on the proposal so long as funding disbursements are restricted to support of the PhD student (e.g., summer money) or direct project expenses (e.g., funding of experimental subject, databases).

Grants may NOT be used for administrative overhead; air travel, conference registration, or other travel not associated directly with research completion; capital or deficit expenses; or computer hardware. Purchase of materials and equipment must be justified as essential to the project.

Proposal Supporting Documents

Central to any funding decision is the Selection Committee's understanding of the PhD student, support from the PhD student's institution, and the likelihood of managing the grant award towards the successful completion of the research project. The Gil Geis Memorial PhD Scholarship Selection Committee is very interested in the PhD student's leadership, creative thinking, problem solving, work ethic, ability to meet deadlines and other characteristics that might indicate exceptional potential for academic scholarship.

The following supporting documents must be submitted in ONE PDF file:

- A 1-page Project Proposal Form, available from the [IFP website](#).
- A Research Proposal Overview (RPO) that is limited to no more than 10 pages in length (11-point font, 1.5 line spacing), PLUS appropriate references. The RPO must address four items: (1) the research question, (2) a research literature review and the theoretical underpinnings for the topic under consideration, (3) the research methodology, (4) an outline explaining why the research question is important to practicing professionals and aligns with the mission and goals of the IFP and its members.





- A 1-Page summary (mini-biography) that reflects the qualifications of the PhD student.
- A 1-Page signed letter of support for the proposal on school letterhead from the PhD student's Dissertation Chair or Mentor indicating that they understand and endorse the research project.

Timing of Funding

The Gil Geis Memorial PhD Scholarship provides funding at the beginning of the award period for direct expenses only. Award funding allocated to PhD salary, wages and benefits (e.g., summer support) is provided 50% at the time that 50% of the research project is complete and the final 50% payment when the research project is completed.

Project Reporting and Evaluation

If awarded funding, the PhD student will be required as part of the award agreement to submit semi-annual progress reports. Further, at the completion of the project, a final research manuscript (endorsed by the dissertation Chair or Mentor), as well as a final financial report that includes a comparison of budgeted versus actual expenditures, are required.

Questions

Questions can be directed to the IFP Director of Research, Richard Riley (richard.riley@mail.wvu.edu).

