



**AACTE's 2025 Holmes Research and Dissertation Retreat**  
**Sponsored by: Boston University**

Three tracks:

1. Prospective and First Year Doctoral Students
2. Doctoral Students Approaching or Starting Candidacy
3. Doctoral Candidates

This agenda is not final and is subject to change.

Thursday, November 6

- 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception

Friday, November 7

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome
- 9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
  - Developing a Research Agenda (Track 1)
  - Writing a Literature Review (Track 2)
  - Understanding and Using Conceptual and Theoretical Frameworks (Track 3)
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Plenary: Establishing and Working with Your Dissertation Committee
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homework/Reading/Writing Time
  - Pre-assigned peer feedback groups
  - Survey registrants to gauge where they are in their doctoral program and preferred working style
- 4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Closing

Saturday, November 8

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Student Panel: Tips for Getting Your Dissertation Done
- 9:00 am – 12:00 p.m. Homework/Reading/Writing Time
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
  - Preparing for a Successful Ph.D. Journey (Track 1)

- Developing an Effective and Fundable Research Proposal (Track 2)
- Understanding the Peer Review Publication Process, Part II (Track 3)
- 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Plenary Session: Navigating Microaggressions in the Academy
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Closing Remarks