

Academic Year 2016-2017 GradGov Research Project Award (GRPA)

The Graduate Student Government (GradGov) and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences are pleased to support the research and professional development of graduate students by providing GradGov Research Project Awards to **both master's and doctoral students**. These grants may be used toward supplies, travel, and other research expenses such as training, archival research or data collection, or travel to a laboratory, associated with furthering or completing a dissertation or thesis project.

Awards: a total of **(10) ten \$500 grants** will be awarded on a competitive basis for the 2016-2017 academic year. Up to five awards will be made to master's students, and up to five to doctoral students; final decision on distribution and selection of awards will be at the discretion of the review committee. A student is permitted only one award in a given fiscal year (July 1-June 30 of the following year).

Students are required to submit a one-page summary of their research experience, including how the funds were used in support of the stated research endeavors, within four months of the date of award. Award recipients also will be invited to present their research at "Student Research Day," during fall 2017.

Eligibility: students must be enrolled in a graduate program on the Main Campus or in the Biomedical Graduate Education (BGE) at the GUMC; in good academic standing; and working on a thesis or dissertation project under the mentorship of a Georgetown faculty member.

Application Process: Applications must include the following materials:

- a completed copy of the attached cover sheet;
- a statement of *no more than one page* outlining the student's funding needs and relevance to their thesis or dissertation research;
- a travel budget of anticipated costs;
- one letter of recommendation from a faculty member, preferably the student's thesis advisor or director of graduate studies, endorsing the request. *This letter should be no longer than one page and also note the relevance of the support to the student's degree objectives.*

Applications must be submitted by email to GSASGradResearch@georgetown.edu by 5 p.m. on May 5, 2017. Completed applications received by the deadline will be reviewed by a committee composed of the Director of External Fellowships, a GradGov representative, and two faculty members. Applications will be ranked on the basis of perceived academic merit, relevance to thesis or dissertation completion, and the strength of the faculty letter of recommendation.

Review and Award Process: Awarded funds will be processed through Accounts Payable as an "other non-service stipend award," payable to the student and in accordance with University policies.

NB: In future years, we will hold two competitions—one in the fall and a second in the spring—with approximately half of the total funds available per competition (e.g., (5) five per competition). Distribution of awards by degree (M.A. vs. Ph.D.) will be at the discretion of the review committee. In future years, we hope to grow the pool of available funds and offer a greater number of awards.

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