



Graduate Research Grant Application

The Graduate Net Initiative's Graduate Research Grant is awarded to graduate students conducting research associated with their thesis, dissertation or culminating project. The Graduate Net Initiative provides these funds to encourage and promote graduate students' scholarly and professional development.

PLEASE NOTE: Support from this award must be acknowledged in any program announcements, presentations, and any subsequent publications of the work.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible to receive a Graduate Research Grant, an applicant must

- be enrolled as a California State University, Fresno graduate/doctoral student in good standing;
- have advanced to candidacy for the graduate degree or submit proof of submission of advancement form (see the Division of Graduate Studies' "Chart Your Course" handbook, available at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/gradstudies/epubs/>);
- have a minimum 3.0 average in their graduate program;
- have completed courses in research techniques as required by the major department;
- have secured a thesis/dissertation or project committee;
- for the thesis/dissertation, have filed an official Thesis Committee Form with the Division of Graduate Studies and received approval of the proposal by the thesis/dissertation committee;
- have satisfactorily met the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards for graduate/doctoral study.

INEGIBILITY

Applicants are not eligible if they

- have been assigned comprehensive exams as their culminating experience;
- have already received their graduate degree.

AMOUNT OF AWARD

Graduate Research Grant awardees may receive up to \$1,000 to help defray costs related to research in their field of study. Award moneys are disbursed as reimbursements. To be reimbursed, awardees must first receive prior approval of expenses by the Initiative and then submit receipts for approved expenses. Failure to do so will result in non-payment of the award.

PLEASE NOTE: The Graduate Net Initiative Research Grant cannot defray expenses that were incurred prior to the grant being awarded or approval being granted.

ALSO NOTE: The Financial Aid Office may factor the amount of this award into awardees' total financial aid packages, which may result in the reduction of other awards and/or loans. For further information, you should contact the Financial Aid office at 559.278.2182.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Graduate Net Initiative's Awards Committee will select the awardees. Awards will be given based primarily on the clarity and quality of the proposed research project. A second consideration will be the level of support from the student's faculty advisor/mentor (see application instructions and required supporting documentation information below).

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants must **complete the attached application form and include all of the required documents** listed below. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Required documents:

- Graduate Net Initiative's Graduate Research Grant application
- A project proposal, which should include:
 - Introduction (background information with support from literature where appropriate);
 - Purpose (hypothesis and/or project goals/objectives)
 - Significance of the research/project
 - Methodology/Project Design (specific research design and data analysis, or detailed plan of work)
 - Results dissemination plan (brief descriptions of all completed and potential on-campus presentations, at least one potential presentation at a national or regional conference with date and place, potential journal publication information with submission procedures)
 - Amount of work completed to date toward the thesis/dissertation or project
 - Reference list for citations in the application (use APA, MLA or other format)
- A detailed projected budget specifying and justifying projected expenses
- A sealed letter of recommendation from the dissertation/thesis/project chair
- A sealed letter of recommendation from another faculty member qualified to evaluate your research

If applicable, attach copies of all relevant clearances and permissions (e.g., Human Subjects, Animal Welfare) needed to conduct your research. Permission forms may be obtained through departmental or school offices. Funds cannot be released unless copies of such clearances are provided to the Graduate Net Initiative.

PLEASE NOTE: The proposal narrative **must not** exceed five double-spaced pages (1" margins, 12 point font), not including the working bibliography. The following headings must be included in the narrative: Introduction, Purpose, Significance, Methodology/Design, Dissemination, Work Completed, and References.

Complete application packages (application form, required supporting documents, and sealed letters of recommendation) should be submitted **no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 19, 2016** to:

Dr. Maritere López, Project Director
Graduate Net Initiative
California State University, Fresno
Frank W. Thomas Building, Room 121
5241 N. Maple Avenue, M/S TA 51
Fresno, CA 93740-8027

Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by email within 4 weeks of the application submission.

Should you have questions about this program or other graduate funding opportunities, contact Andrea Cortes from the Graduate Net Initiative at (559) 278-1622 or andream@csufresno.edu.

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Please review the application guidelines.

Applications and supporting documents are due on **Friday, February 19, 2016 by 5:00 PM.**

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Graduate/Doctoral Program: _____
Address: _____
Email Address: _____
Student ID#: _____ Phone: (____) _____
Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

II. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

GPA: _____
Have you advanced to candidacy? ___ Yes ___ No
If no, have you submitted the Advancement to Candidacy form? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, when? _____

Have you completed the research course(s) required by your program? ___ Yes ___ No
Course name(s): _____

If you are a thesis/dissertation student, have you filed a Thesis/Dissertation Committee Assignment form with the Graduate Office? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, when? _____

Has your proposal for this Thesis/Dissertation/Project been approved by your committee? ___ Yes ___ No

Have you been the recipient of this award before? ___ Yes ___ No

Does your research require clearances and/or permissions (e.g., Human Subjects, Animal Welfare)?
___ Yes ___ No

III. FACULTY

Thesis/Dissertation/Project Chair: _____
Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____
Program & College/School: _____
Second Recommender: _____
Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____
Program & College/School: _____

IV. PROPOSED THESIS/DISSERTATION/PROJECT INFORMATION

Title:

V. APPLICATION CHECK LIST

- Graduate Net Initiative's Graduate Research application
- A preliminary project proposal, which should include:
 - Introduction (background information with support from literature where appropriate);
 - Purpose (hypothesis and/or project goals/objectives)
 - Significance of the research/project
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VI. SIGNATURES

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Student: _____

Date: _____

Faculty Advisor: _____

Date: _____