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Graduate Net Initiative

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 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 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;
- have satisfactorily met the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards for graduate/doctoral study.

INEGIBILITY

As per federal and state regulations guiding this project,

- International students are not eligible to receive this grant,
- Students who have already received their graduate degree are not eligible to receive this grant.

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 the student. 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.** All expenses must be incurred and receipts submitted prior to the recipient's graduation.
- The Graduate Net Initiative is not able to reimburse faculty members or departments for items purchased for the student. If such an arrangement is needed, please contact Dr. Maritere López or Andrea Cortes for further information. .

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_ recommendation form from the dissertation/thesis/project chair

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 letter of recommendation) should be submitted **by 5:00 PM** 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

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- For Fall 2017 applications: **October 25, 2017**
- For Spring 2018 applications: **TBD**

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 andreacm@csufresno.edu.

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Please review the application guidelines. Applications and supporting documents are due by
5:00 PM on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 (for Fall applications) and TBD (for Spring applications).

I.   STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Graduate/Doctoral Program: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Student ID#: _____   Phone: (____) _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

II.   ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

GPA: _____

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 RECOMMENDATION

Thesis/Dissertation/Project Chair: _____

Email Address: _____   Phone Number: _____

Program & College/School: _____

IV.   PROPOSED THESIS/DISSERTATION/PROJECT INFORMATION

Title:

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V.   APLICATION CHECK LIST

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VI.   SIGNATURES

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Student: _____   Date: _____

Thesis/Dissertation/Project Chair: _____   Date: _____

Dissertation/Thesis/Project Chair Recommendation Form

Last Name _____ First Name_____ ID #:_____

To the Applicant: Complete the information requested above and give to the person(s) providing the reference(s). Please note that, generally, confidential recommendations often provide more useful information. In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the California Information Practices Act of 1977, and the related policies and regulations, it is also understood that upon request, this letter will not be made available to the applicant(or candidate)for examination. If you agree, you may sign the waiver below. The decision is up to you.

I waive the rights to see or inspect this form or any statement sent to the indicated program as a result of this request.

Signature _____ Date _____

Evaluator section

The Graduate Net Initiative would appreciate a state from you evaluating the person named above for the awarding of the Graduate Research Grant. Please provide the applicant with this form in a sealed envelope.

Please rate the applicant's thesis/dissertation/project on the following (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest):

	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of proposed research project					
Likely impact of proposed research project					
Viability of completion within stated timeline					

Please comment on the nature, quality, impact and viability of the thesis/dissertation/project. Attach pages as needed.