

Graduate Student Training Enhancement Grants Spring 2019 Request for Proposals

Opportunity: The goal of this grant competition is to expand the opportunities for graduate students to “step away” from their core research and training, so as to acquire additional skills, knowledge, or experiences outside/beyond their discipline that are not available at Duke and that will enhance their capacity to carry out original research. We believe such experiences will lead to better preparation/training, whether for academic positions or other career trajectories. Supported activities include: an internship related to the field of research; cognate training workshop; or field work opportunity that includes specific training. NOTE: Grant funds may not be used for attendance at conferences, nor for internships by Masters students. We also encourage potential applicants to consult the 2019 Summer Doctoral Academy offerings (available [here](#) by Feb. 1) to see if those short-courses can address their needs.

Proposals require endorsement from the student’s primary faculty mentor, as well as a clear explanation of how the experience will contribute to broadening the student’s training and how it may potentially impact their dissertation research or capstone project. Successful past applications have made a compelling case for how the proposed experience would amplify the student’s intellectual agenda, beyond the standard offerings within their program.

The proposed experience may last for up to one full semester. Funds awarded will be capped at \$5,000. For reference, see [previous awardees and proposed experiences](#).

Eligibility: All current graduate students (post-undergraduate, including master’s, professional, and PhD students) in any program at Duke University may propose graduate training enhancement activities. All internships, work, and services proposed must be performed outside of Duke (i.e., may not be work *for* Duke). Note: previous awardees may not apply.

Proposals: Proposals will be accepted from **January 14th through February 25th, 2019 at 5:00pm.**

Proposal Requirements

The Provost’s Office uses *MyResearchProposal* online application software to submit applications.

You will be asked to upload the following documents:

1. An updated curriculum vitae (no more than 2 pages.)
2. A brief narrative that articulates the proposed activities, how the experience will contribute to broadening research training, and how it fits with overall academic, research, and professional plans, and that also explains why the experience is not available at Duke (no more than 3 pages).

3. A budget plan (up to \$5,000), and timeline for use of the funds.
4. A letter or e-mail from your primary faculty mentor, sent separately to Carolyn Mackman, in support of the proposed activities.
5. A listing of all other concurrent proposals for funding to support the proposed activities (we will ask awardees to update us when any additional funding for the proposed activities is awarded/received).

Instructions

- To apply visit <http://bit.ly/myresearchproposal>, click on “Create New User” (or log in if you already have an account).
- Applicant instructions for applying via the *MyResearchProposal* software is available - Please review this [document](#).
- Enter Access Code ‘**PROVOST**’ then select the **Provost- Graduate Student Enhancement Grant GSTEM Application Spring 2019** opportunity and follow the instructions.
- Letters of recommendation can be sent as PDFs to carolyn.mackman@duke.edu
 - Letters should be saved using the following format:
- Applicant Last Name_G-STEM_Letter writer last name
 - e.g. A letter for Joey Young, written by Dr. A. Smith would be named:
 - Young_G-STEM_Smith
- For any questions concerning *MyResearchProposal* passwords or system issues, please contact Lesia O’Hara or Anita Grissom at myresearchproposal@duke.edu.

Timeline

RFP released	01/14/2019
RFP deadline for submission	02/25/2019
Project winner(s) notified	03/29/2019
Funds made available*	04/01/2019

*Funds must be expended between 4.1.19 and 6.30.20.

Contact

For any questions regarding your proposal, please contact:
Carolyn Mackman, carolyn.mackman@duke.edu

Review and Selection: Proposals will be reviewed by an ad hoc committee convened by the Executive Vice Provost and the Vice Provost for Interdisciplinary Studies, to include representation from faculty, deans, institute directors, and graduate students, representing all divisions of knowledge. Decisions will be announced by March 2019 and funds will be awarded as appropriate to the timing of the activities. Awardees will be expected to provide updates on

their activities during the year and an eventual reflection on the impact of those activities on dissertation work.