



Graduate & Professional Student Association

Graduate Research Support Program

*Applicant Information Session
September 8, 2009*



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Program Information

- Provides support for graduate research
 - Up to \$2000.00 for “terminal” research
 - Master’s Thesis or Dissertation
 - Up to \$750.00 for “independent” research
 - Can be individual or in a research group
- Program Administration:
 - Provided by the ASU Graduate College
 - Funded by the Associate Vice Provost’s office
 - Administered and judged by GPSA

Program Objectives

- To promote excellence in graduate education at Arizona State University
- To recognize and support quality graduate student research
- To provide financial support for research projects that are not eligible for other sources of funding or for which funding is difficult to obtain
- To support the successful completion of research required for a graduate degree
- To provide graduate students with experience in developing and reviewing grant proposals, and
- To build Arizona State University's reputation as a leading research institution

Rules for Funding

- Applicant eligibility:
 - Must be enrolled in a graduate program at ASU
 - Must intend to finish their degree at ASU
 - Must remain enrolled at ASU for the entire year of funding
- Decide on one of two “tracks”:
 - Science / Social Science Track
 - Media / Fine Arts Track

Rules for Funding

- Funding Restrictions:
 - Capital investment items (items at or above \$1000);
 - Tuition, food, or remuneration of time spent on project;
 - Conference travel;
 - Per diem (meals) while in travel status;
 - Terminal publication charges;
 - Salaries and wages for research assistants
 - Participant “incentives” more than \$25/session & \$100 per individual per calendar year.

Rules for Funding

- More limitations on funding:
 - Cannot refund any expense earned prior to the date the application was submitted
 - This is a reimbursement-only program (keep all receipts)
 - Funds are available until June 30, 2010
 - We may fund less than your requested amount

With Additional Funding Questions:

- Please contact Heidi Scheier for any questions relating to reimbursement:

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Selection Criteria

- Significant and meritorious research focus
- Sound research methodology
- Feasible project objectives given the one-year grant period
- An appropriate and fully justified budget
- Justification for support by the GPSA in the light of alternate sources of funding

Selection Criteria: Who reviews my application?

- The GPSA uses a peer-review system
 - 3 to 5 graduate students in your specified (or closely related) field
- Peer grant reviewers are trained, and follow a specific scoring rubric system
- Final award decisions are made by the GPSA Office of Internal Affairs

Obligations of Award

- Be responsible for bringing project to completion within stated time period.
- Ensure appropriate expenditure of funds.
- Provide a final report on outcome of project.
- Acknowledge in any public presentation and publication of the results, the support provided by the Office of the Vice-President for Research and Economic Affairs, the GPSA Graduate Research Support Program, and the Graduate College.
- Be expected to present research in a forum during Graduate Appreciation Week.
- Be expected to serve as a future peer reviewer.

Steps to Apply

- Visit <http://gpsa.asu.edu>
- Create an online profile using Nimble-Net
- Complete your application material online
- Agree to the online rules
- Submit application before deadline
- Follow-up with all requests from GPSA
- Ensure that your adviser completes the form they will receive via e-mail

Creating a Strong Application

- **Basic Information:**

- Are all fields in the application complete?
- Did you attend to grammar, spelling and word flow?
- Do your expenses add up correctly?

Creating a Strong Application

- **Build a case:**

- What is the problem you are addressing?
- How will your research contribute...
 - To your discipline
 - To the public
 - To the environment
- Why is it important that your research is funded?

Creating a Strong Presentation

- **IRB and Ethical Guidelines:**
 - If needed, have you applied for IRB approval?
 - Have you carefully considered the ethical implications of your research?
 - Are there consequences or implications you need to address?

Creating a Strong Presentation

- **Anticipate Problems:**

- Have you thought through the worst case scenario?
- Will you have enough funding to complete the study?
- Can you complete the study on time?

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- **Monetary Considerations:**
 - Do you explain your expenses?
 - Are the expenses reasonable?
 - Are your expenses necessary given the scope of your project?

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- **Grant Writing is a Process:**
 - Take the time needed to apply.
 - Focus your writing to make a strong case for your specific project.
 - Have a mentor, advisor or trusted peer read your grant application and make constructive suggestions.

Important Dates

- Online applications available: 8/24/09
- Information Sessions: 9/8/09, 9/14/09
- Applications Due: 10/2/09, 5 pm MST
- Awards Announced: 11/2/09
- Awards Ceremony: TBA

Other Resources

- GPSA Website
 - <http://gpsa.asu.edu/>
 - Click on “Grant Funding”
- Nimble-net online system link:
 - www.nimble-net.com/gpsa
- E-mail:
 - gpsaResearch@asu.edu