

Graduate Student Enhancement Grants

January 3, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: WVU Davis College Graduate Students
FROM: J. Todd Petty, Associate Dean
SUBJECT: 2017-18 Graduate Student Enhancement Grants

The WVU Davis College is seeking applications for the **2018-2019 Graduate Student Enhancement Grants**. Grant applications are **due** to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs by **March 29, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.**

An overview of application requirements are provided below for your reference. Applications must be submitted online at:

https://wvu.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/SV_1Sq6DH62AcJ02W1

The graduate student enhancement grants and the relevant activities for support are listed below. Please indicate which grant(s) that you are applying for when you apply online. You may select more than one grant. However, please only submit one application.

Also, please provide the full information requested in the proposal narrative. A six-member committee consisting of the Dean, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, two Division Directors, a faculty representative and an outside representative will select awardees. Grant requests that include matching funds (up to 1:1) from your division will be favorably considered. Any work published or presented as a result of these funds must reference/acknowledge the support from the fund awarded. Reporting requirements will be outlined in the award letter.

Applicants will be informed of awards by May 1, 2018. Awarded funds will be available July 1, 2018 and must be spent by June 30, 2019, although requests for extensions submitted six weeks in advance will be considered.

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List of Graduate Student Awards available for 2018-2019

Nath Graduate Student Travel Awards Endowment: If you are a graduate student in Plant & Soil Sciences or Animal & Nutritional Sciences and are seeking funding to attend conferences, present papers, conduct research or travel to enhance your education, apply for up to \$500 in travel funds from the Nath Graduate Student Travel Endowment.

Stitzel Graduate Student Support: This support provides students in a doctoral program in the Davis College with travel to present papers, training, research, and professional development. Applications should not exceed \$1,000.

CoBank Graduate Student Travel Award: If you are a graduate student in Animal and Veterinary Sciences, you can apply for up to \$1,000 from this fund to offset expenses incurred participating in professional meetings and conferences which directly relate to your study objectives.

Robert H. Maxwell Memorial Travel Endowment: If you are a graduate student in the Davis College from any major seeking funds for international travel expenses to study abroad, for other international enrichment experiences relating to volunteer work or research, apply for up to \$1,000 in funding from the Robert H. Maxwell Travel Endowment. Students who will travel to Africa for study will get first preference.

Farm Credit Agriculture Graduate Student Fund: If you are a graduate student studying in an agriculture-related program in any Davis College academic unit, you can apply for up to \$1,000 in funds to support research seed money, conference travel and expenses, research paper presentation expenses, research travel funding, international travel and study abroad programs and other related graduate activities that would enhance your education.

A.D. Hopkins Entomology Graduate Student Award: If you are a Plant and Soil Sciences graduate student, especially with an interest in entomology, and have demonstrated originality and research ability, you are eligible for up to \$2,000 in funding.

HA Wilson - DA Zuberer Graduate Enhancement: If you are in the Division of Plant & Soil Sciences, especially students studying environmental microbiology, you can apply for up to \$2,000 to participate in research and educational opportunities including, but not limited to, professional conferences and meetings.

Paul G. Moe Memorial Endowment: If you are a graduate student completing course work or research in agricultural microbiology, you can apply for up to \$2,000 in funds. Preference shall be given to students presenting papers at professional conferences and seminars or exhibiting exceptional academic performance.

Dr. Richard M. & Leta K. Smith Memorial Graduate Fellowship: If you are studying in Plant & Soil Sciences and are seeking a master's or PHD, you are eligible to apply for up to \$2,000 in support to present papers, conduct research or study abroad. You must have completed the equivalent of one full year (as defined by the College) of graduate study. Academic performance shall be the primary selection criteria with financial need serving as a secondary consideration. Preference will be given to students majoring in Soil Sciences with an emphasis on Land Reclamation or its successor program area.

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Joe Weaver Memorial Endowment: If you are a graduate student in entomology, you can apply for up to \$1,000 in funds for travel or research supply expenses.

David & Catherine Samuel Wildlife Graduate Fund: If you are a graduate student in the Wildlife and Fisheries Resources major, with first preference given to those studying wildlife, you can apply for up to \$1,000 in support to travel to conferences to present papers or to serve as seed money for research projects. Funds can be utilized for but not limited to travel, housing, and the purchase of materials for research.

Thomas Torries ARE Student Actualization Endowment: If you are a WVU Agricultural and Resource Economics & Management graduate student, you can apply for up to \$1,000 for student travel and associated activities, or to conduct research.

Dale Colyer Division of Resource Management Award: The proceeds from the endowment will be used to recognize an outstanding Ph.D student. All students currently enrolled in or admitted to the Ph.D. program of the Division of Resource Management are eligible. Funds may be awarded annually and the award is for one year. Students may apply for up to \$1,000 in support for travel, research or other means to enhance their education.

Dr. Donald J. Horvath Memorial Scholarship: If you are a graduate student in Animal Physiology and you wish to someday teach at a university, apply for this award. You must have a 3.0 gpa. Funds can be utilized for research or travel or as a scholarship.

Dr. Kenneth L. Carvell Graduate Fellowship: Eligible candidates shall be currently enrolled graduate students in the West Virginia University Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources & Design's Division of Forestry & Natural Resources; shall be pursuing a MSF; and shall be engaged in forest management or forest science research. Recipients shall demonstrate good academic standing as defined by WVU. The recipient shall carry the title of the Dr. Kenneth L. Carvell Fellow and funds can be utilized for travel or research.

John R. Tschiderer LA Education Experience Fund (LEEF): If you are a graduate student in Landscape Architecture, apply for funds to provide assistance for travel for presenting research, to conduct research, or other activities that enhance your education. It is expected that candidate students will also apply for additional funds made available through their school or other matching grants. You can apply for up to \$1,000.

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GRADUATE STUDENT ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Applicant Name: _____ Email: _____

Advisor's Name: _____ Email: _____

Division: _____

Activity Beginning and Ending Dates: _____

Descriptive Title of Project: _____

Funds Requested: _____

Amount and Source of other funds for matching: _____

Total Cost of Activity: _____

Executive Summary of Activity: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

(This Section not to exceed two pages)

- Description of the activity.
- Significance of the activity to your graduate development and for the Division, College and University.
- Description of the benefits to the teaching and/or research mission(s) of the Division and College.

STUDENT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

(This Section not to exceed two pages)

- Name
- Education
- Awards
- Teaching and Research Experience
- Other Relevant Professional Experience

ITEMIZED BUDGET AND BUDGET JUSTIFICATION (applications lacking a specific, detailed budget will not be accepted)

(This Section not to exceed two pages)

Itemize and justify all budget costs associated with the proposed activity:

- Personnel Costs
- Equipment
- Materials and Supplies
- Travel
- Other Costs (identify)
- Justification for budget items (this section is required)
- Matching funds available

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Attach copies of any appropriate correspondence, price quotes, or other supporting documents related to the proposed activity. List the attached documents.