

## Dissertation Research Enhancement Grant

Eligible students from College of Architecture, Planning, and Public Affairs; College of Business; College of Education; College of Liberal Arts; and the School of Social Work are invited to apply for a Dissertation Research Enhancement Grant.

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to support dissertation research of the highest quality. The funds are to be used in order to advance understanding, skills or provide resources that are not available through existing University assets. Proposed activities or resources must be directly related to a student's dissertation. Examples of acceptable uses for a Dissertation Research Enhancement Grant include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Consultation or collaborative work with experts on matters directly related to the dissertation when such support is not available at UT Arlington.
- Travel to sites of unique sources of research material, archives, libraries, field stations.
- Travel to conduct Interview(s) with an author or other persons on whom the dissertation focuses.
- Participation in a workshop or short course directly relevant to the dissertation (e.g., to learn methodology).
- Payment of subjects participating in a research project, if a strong rationale is provided showing that subject payment is necessary and will enhance markedly the quality, scope, reliability, etc., of the data collected.
- The purchase of specialized small equipment items, supplies, data sets, only if funds for such items are not available from other sources (i.e., advisor's grant, department funds). **Note:** *Departments will be required to pay one-half of the cost of any equipment item (which must remain at UT Arlington).*
- A research assistant or other personnel to carry out work that the dissertation student cannot reasonably be expected to conduct (extensive analysis of data, computer programming, etc.).
- Other unique services not available at the university, such as sophisticated data or chemical analyses.
- Statistical or editorial consultation.

### Things that will NOT be funded:

- Any activities or resources that are not essential constituents of the dissertation research.
- Conference travel to attend general discussions on the topics in a student's field or to present a paper.

### Eligibility:

- The student must be in good academic standing.

- The student must be from one of the following colleges and/or departments: College of Architecture, Planning, and Public Affairs; College of Business; College of Education; College of Liberal Arts; and the School of Social Work.
- Applications for the Dissertation Research Enhancement Grant must be sought and granted before the proposed activity occurs. Awards will not be granted retroactively.

**Conditions:**

- Awards are for a maximum of \$2000. Any cost above this amount must be supported from other resources (i.e., personal funds, department funds, etc.).
- Funds will be expended within 6 months of the date of award. If the proposed activity does not occur within this time, then the funds may be revoked.
- A student may only receive one award during the course of advanced doctoral study in a degree program.
- Student must be registered the semester the funding is to be utilized.
- Awarded applicants must submit an official progress report to the Graduate School after the activity has occurred.

**Application Process:**

**Complete the Dissertation Research Enhancement Grant cover sheet, compose a proposal, and submit both in the online application.**

1. The Dissertation Research Enhancement Grant Cover sheet requires the following:

- Signatures from the College Dean and Department Chair verifying the amount of supplemental funding for the proposed activity (if any) provided by the college/department.

2. Provide a brief proposal with the following information (no more than 3 pages):

- Student's name, ID number, program and contact information.
- Title of the research project.
- A description of the student's research project written in a way that is understandable to scholars/scientists outside the field.
- A summary of the proposed research activity.
- Description of how/why this activity enhances the research project.
- Detailed budget and budget justification.

**Note: A strong rationale/justification for the use of the funds is a very important aspect of the proposal.** The budget justification should make a clear case that funding through this program is necessary and appropriate, i.e. that the proposed activity/resources would enhance the dissertation and would otherwise be difficult to attain. How the activity/resources will affect time needed to complete the degree must also be discussed.

**Application Process (Cont.):**

3. Letter of support from the student's dissertation supervisor attesting that 1) the student has the ability and motivation to develop and/or complete a high-quality dissertation; 2) the proposed activity will make it possible for the dissertation to attain a significantly higher level accomplishment than would be possible without support for that activity. **The letter of support must be e-mailed directly from the faculty member to [graduate.studies@uta.edu](mailto:graduate.studies@uta.edu).**

**Criteria for Dissertation Research Enhancement Grant Award:**

- The proposed activity/resources appear to be relevant to enhancing the quality of the proposed dissertation.
- The proposed activity/resources will not increase time to complete degree. Preference will be given to proposals where the activities/resources will shorten time to degree.
- The number of awards granted each academic year will depend upon the availability of funding. It is possible that a grant will not be awarded for an excellent proposal if funds have been exhausted.

**Deadline:**

There is no deadline for submitting requests. The Graduate School will make decisions on support within three weeks after receiving all of the necessary materials. Requests should be submitted online through the application form.

**Contact:**

If you have any questions, please email Joe Jackson ([jackson@uta.edu](mailto:jackson@uta.edu)) or [graduate.studies@uta.edu](mailto:graduate.studies@uta.edu).