

2009 Master's Student Grants – call for applications

The Master's Student grants are made possible by the Department of Biological Sciences at Humboldt State University. Funds are distributed to students through one grant allocation per year, which is administered by the Master's Student Grant Program Committee. Members of the committee are Drs. Mihai Tomescu, Frank Shaughnessy, and Bryan Jennings.

To be eligible, graduate students must be registered during the semester in which the grant is given and when the funds are actually spent. There is no maximum limit to the amounts awarded; however, due to current funding limitations the awards rarely exceed \$300. The Department desires to support as many legitimate proposals as possible, so multiple awards are made every year. Expenses already incurred may be included in proposals.

Decisions are made on the basis of such factors as 1) strength of the proposal, 2) academic record, 3) progress toward the degree, and 4) need for the funds to complete the degree. Grant proposals for equipment, supplies, travel expenses, and other research needs are considered. Small awards (i.e., \$100–200) may be given for travel to scientific meetings for the purpose of presenting a paper. Funds may not be used for living expenses, typing, copying, or binding of a student's thesis.

A report on how funds were used must be submitted to the Graduate Secretary by the sixth week of the semester following receipt of the award money. The report may be a formal scientific research paper or a detailed memo describing how the funds were used. **Failure to submit the report will prevent the applicant from receiving additional awards.** Support from Master's Student Grant funds should be acknowledged in the thesis and publications resulting from the work.

Proposals should be organized according to the guidelines listed below. Failure to follow those guidelines may lead to a proposal not being considered.

DEADLINE: Proposals will be accepted by Liz Weaver, Graduate Administrative Support, until Friday, March 27, 2009.

Announcement of awards will be made by late April.

Organization of Master's Student Grant Proposals

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Cover Sheet (use the form on the next page)

!! signature of major professor is required

Summary of Proposed Research

!! This section, along with the Budget, must be double-spaced and, when combined, the two should not exceed three pages. Use a 10 or 12 point font and 1 inch margins all around.

- State in one sentence the goal of your project
- Provide background information related to proposed work (here you can include references to critical published work)
- Explain the hypothesis(es) and/or expected results of your research plan
- Discuss the broader significance of the project (e.g. how and what will it change in the way we understand things in that area of research; who should care about the results of your research)
- Experimental design and methods used
- Detailed timeline for proposed work
- Progress on the research proposed (if applicable)

Budget

- Proposed itemized budget, including justification for items in expendable supplies, transportation, and other categories as necessary
- Other sources of funding to which you have applied

Literature Cited

Curriculum Vitae

- One page limit
- Date of matriculation as a Classified Graduate Student in the Department
- List of courses attempted, completed, and grades earned
- Relevant research experience

COVER SHEET FOR MASTER'S STUDENT GRANT PROPOSALS

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY

NAME	DATE RECEIVED
TENTATIVE THESIS TITLE	
Major Professor	Department
Committee Members	Department
Previous Master's Grant Awards (title, date and amount)	
Other Sources of funding for this research (title, date and amount)	
Signature of Major Professor	Date
HSU ID # _____ Date of First Enrollment _____ Tentative Date for Award of Master's Degree _____	AMOUNT REQUESTED