FSU
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Dissertation Research Grant (DRG)

Description of Award

Awards will be up to **$1,000**. This award is for dissertation writers to assist with expenses associated with research necessary to prepare the dissertation. The award is meant to cover expenses associated with research activities necessary for a high-quality dissertation (i.e. books, software, etc.). The funds are **not** meant to cover common expenses all dissertation writers incur such as typing or word processing services, hardware such as laptops and computers, copying of the dissertation, editing services, basic supplies, travel, etc.

Funding will be disbursed up front in a lump sum format. Applicants can request gift cards (for research) as part of the budget proposal; however, gift cards will be capped at $25 per card/person.

Eligibility

Any enrolled Florida State University graduate student who has been admitted to candidacy and is actively engaged in research or creative activity in support of their dissertation. A graduate student may receive only one grant from this program.

Procedures

Recipients must use the funds in accordance with the terms of the award and University rules and regulations and the budget that was approved by the Graduate School at the time of award. **NOTE: The student must purchase the items associated with the grant directly themselves. Under no circumstances will the Graduate School process a reimbursement to a FSU department or budget/project number, and absolutely no expenditure transfers will be allowed**.

<u>Please note:</u> The following restricted budget items will not be funded

- **Travel related expenses**
- **Gift Cards in excess of $25.**
- **Any type of funding request that sends money or gift cards to foreign countries**
- **Equipment defined as greater than $500 or a useful life span for two or more years.**

Application Instructions

The completed DRG Application which includes an uploaded Letter of Recommendation from your major professor, an updated curriculum vitae, a brief synopsis of the significance of the project in terms appropriate for a non-specialized audience, and an itemized budget.

The applicant must complete all aspects of the online application January 31st at 11:59pm. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

To Apply:

Step 1: Request your letter of recommendation from your major professor to upload in the application system (PDF)
Step 2: Create your itemized budget (Report items within the application)
Step 3: Prepare an updated CV or Resume (PDF or Word Document)
Step 4: Prepare a synopsis of the dissertation's significance to a lay audience (PDF or Word Document)
Step 5: Use the link below to access the application:
DRG Application Link

Deadlines

The application deadline for awards is January 31st at 11:59pm.

Sponsors

Funds for the awards are provided by the Congress of Graduate Students and The Graduate School.