

FAQs

What can the money be used for?

Grant funds can be used to purchase things needed for graduate student research, scholarship, and creative activity, such as:

- Equipment: e.g., fish tanks, test tubes, maze materials, costumes
- Poster Printing
- Research Specimens: e.g. fish, cell samples
- Hardware Costs, computer hardware, scenery, art supplies
- Photocopying Costs, for questionnaires, hand-outs
- Registration fees, housing, transportation costs of participating in an academic

Remember that all materials purchased remain the property of UofL. The money CANNOT be used for personal copies, membership dues or fees, or classroom expenses. For Fall 2020, funds ALSO can not be used for any conference or other travel.

What does a good application look like?

A good application has a clear and detailed narrative, which explains why you want the money and how the money will help you accomplish your project, whether that be to complete your doctoral or master's level research, complete a scholarly or creative project, or improve your professional competencies. Be as specific as you can be in the description.

Provide supporting documentation, which can include price lists that support the equipment costs detailed in the budget.

Include a detailed budget, explaining **all the costs involved, even though not all these costs will be covered by this grant, if funded.**

Two **fictional** budget examples are provided here:

Attend conference in Chicago, Illinois, March 8-10, 2019	
Conference registration:	\$ 80
Housing at conference, \$75/night * 3 nights,	\$225
Transportation to Chicago by car (\$.55/mile)	\$330
Meals (\$50/day)	<u>\$200</u>
Total expected costs:	\$835

NOTE: NO TRAVEL SUPPORT for FALL 2020.

Lab equipment needed for experiment	
2 fish tanks (\$100 each)	\$200
200 fish	\$200
Fish tank filters (\$75 each)	\$150
Fish food	<u>\$100</u>
Total budget:	\$450

What is the best way to submit?

Electronic submission [via the web portal](#) is required. PDF is the required format.

Who is eligible to apply for funds?

The GNAS distributes these research funds on behalf of the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. The GNAS restricts the funds to students in those departments that have had regular representation at GNAS meetings over the course of the previous semester.

How are funds received?

You may choose to have your funds deposited into your Financial Aid account or to have the funds released to your department. The former allows you to have direct control over your funds and to access them directly, but has potentially negative consequences that you may be taxed or funds may be used automatically to pay unpaid balances on your account. The latter allows you to take advantage of University financial systems, but may limit the flexibility in spending.