The Award for Interdisciplinary Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities
Summer 2015

Mission
The Award for Interdisciplinary Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities represents an initiative by the 2014-2015 GPSGA Executive Committee to encourage innovative, cross-disciplinary collaborations among graduate students. The establishment of our award may be consistent with recent initiatives on campus to facilitate more interdisciplinary collaborations at the faculty-level. The award is also consistent with the continued work of the 2014-2015 GPSGA executive to encourage increased social and professional networking of graduate students across campus.

Overview
- The Award for Interdisciplinary Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities is $1000.
- The award is competitive and will be presented to a group of collaborators representing two or more graduate degree programs on the basis of scholarly merit and the degree to which the proposed research is consistent with the interdisciplinary theme of the award.
- Applications for the award will be accepted by the GPSGA for research to be performed in the summer of 2015.
- The proposed project should be stand-alone and accomplishable during the 2015 summer term. However, the project may also represent part of the dissertation research of one or more of the collaborators.
- The proposed project must lead to well-defined outcomes, preferably a peer-reviewed publication, a public performance, a teaching module, or a marketable product.

Eligibility
- 2 or more applicants per application
- At least two applicants must represent two different graduate degree programs. Projects and collaborations representing greater interdisciplinary pursuits are generally more competitive.
- Each applicant must be a graduate student:
  - in good standing
  - Enrolled in or planning to enroll in the fall semester following the summer for which the award is made
- Strong preference will be given to projects that lack other funding sources and can be supported entirely by the Award for Interdisciplinary Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities
- This award will not be given to support attendance at scholarly meetings or conferences.

Application Materials
- Research Proposal - 2 pages maximum, plus a bibliography that does not count against length
  - Description of the research, including its importance and proposed methods
  - Description of the planned contributions of all collaborators and their qualifications to make those contributions
- A time line showing that the project can mature from data collection to outcome during the summer semester for which the award is made - 1 page maximum
- A budget and justification for the project - 1 page maximum
  - Must show how award money will be spent
  - Must clearly and concisely explain how financial needs in excess of the award amount will be met
• A letter of support from the academic advisor of each applicant - 2 pages maximum, half page preferred
• A brief statement confirming the good academic standing and planned graduation date of each applicant from the applicants' unit heads - half a page or less each; 1-2 sentences may be sufficient

Notes: Please submit all application materials in a single envelope to c/o GPSGA Awards Committee, 211N Student Union. Letters from the applicants’ advisors and unit heads should be provided in signed, sealed envelopes. We will consider only those applications that are complete at the time that the award solicitation closes.

Solicitation, Assessment, Successful Awardees, and Reporting
• Solicitation will begin on March 9 and end March 30 of 2015. Applications must be received within this time frame.
• Applications will be processed by the Awards Committee, which is chaired by the VP of GPSGA. The Awards Committee will select a top and runner-up application. The committee may determine that no award should be given in consultation with the GPSGA president and faculty advisor.
• The Awards Committee will notify the applicants that submitted the top application in January or February. The applicants may accept or decline the award. If the applicants decline, the award, the committee will notify the applicants that submitted the runner-up proposal. The committee could select a second runner-up if needed.
• The funded applicants and the objectives of their proposed research will be announced to the General Assembly no later than April 30, and unsuccessful applicants will also be notified.
• The successful applicants can work with the treasurer of GPSGA to purchase the items or services for their project using the GPSGA account. The award will not be made directly to the applicants and cannot be used to purchase gift cards. All applicable financial rules and regulations must be followed.
• The successful awardees must submit a report of their research, scholarly, and/or creative activities by November 1, 2015. The report should include a written summary no longer than one page and include at least one photo illustrating the activates that does not count against the one page limit. The written summary should clearly describe the work that the collaborators completed, the outcomes, and how the Award for Interdisciplinary Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities was used. Summaries should be written for a broad audience, and the GPSGA reserves the right to follow up on reports that are too vague or unclear. Applicants should submit only one report for the project, but all applicants are responsible for submitting the report. Failure to report will result in an obligation to repay the award money and ineligibility of the applicants for other GPSGA awards.

Contact
Please contact AJ Harris, VP GPSGA and Chair of the Awards Committee, with questions at 211N Student Union or aj.harris@okstate.edu.