

Application for BCH Graduate Student Project / Dissertation Support

The Department of Behavioral and Community Health is committed to assisting students who need matching funds to complete their projects or dissertations. The departmental project/dissertation fund will vary year to year with lesser amounts during lean years and greater amounts during robust years. For the foreseeable future, Departmental Matching Funds will come from a Foundation Account rather than from Departmental Funds.

Please Note: Not all faculty have sufficient matching funds to support students. Students should not automatically expect to receive a match. A request for funding rather than a demand for funding should be made by the student.

POLICY:

Project/Dissertation (P/D) support will only be provided for graduate students who:

- Have matching funds from their advisor or another faculty member or significant merit as determined by the Graduate Program Committee (GPC); and
- Have successfully defended their project/thesis/dissertation proposal Eligibility for P/D Support:
- Are currently enrolled and in good standing
- Have prior approval of request for funds by the student's faculty advisor
- Have filed a P/D fund application that includes a copy of the P/D abstract, proof of matching funds, statement of why funds are requested and what specifically the funds will be spent on, and a copy of IRB approval where appropriate.

P/T/D Maximums:

- MPH students = \$250.00
- PhD students = \$500.00

Students may apply only once for funds even if they receive multiple fund infusions from their advisor or another faculty member.

Examples of how P/D awards can be spent:

- Participants/subject incentives
- Travel costs related to data collection (e.g., gas to get to/from Baltimore for interviews with participants)
- Survey copying/production
- Undergraduate assistant

All funds must be approved by the faculty advisor and the department as "appropriate and reasonable."

BCH Student Project / Dissertation Matching Fund Application

Basic Information

Last name:	
First name:	
Address:	
UMD e-mail address:	
UID:	
MPH or PhD student:	
If PhD, date you advanced to candidacy?	
Year in program:	
Expected semester/year of graduation:	
Faculty advisor's name:	

Itemized Budget:

Category	Description	Amount
Participants/subject incentives		
Travel costs related to data collection (e.g., gas to get to/from Baltimore for interviews with participants)		
Survey copying/production		
Undergraduate assistant		
Other (specify other):		
Total estimated budget:		

Signatures:

Student Signature

Date

I support this student's request for matching P/D funds from the Department.

Advisor Signature

Date

Please attach the following documents:

1. An approved abstract of your proposal
2. A copy of your IRB approval letter