



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Department of Behavioral and Community Health

BCH Graduate Student Project/Thesis/Dissertation Fund Match **(Effective July 1, 2017)**

The Department of Behavioral and Community Health is committed to assisting students who need matching funds to complete their projects/theses/dissertations. The departmental project/thesis/dissertation fund is typically \$5,000 per academic year; but this amount will vary year to year with lesser amounts during lean years and greater amounts during robust years.

POLICY:

Project/thesis/dissertation (P/T/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/T/D Support:

- All BCH graduate students currently enrolled and in good standing
- Approval of fund request by the student's faculty advisor
- Filing of a P/T/D fund application that includes a copy of the P/T/D's abstract, proof of matching funds, statement of why funds are requested and what specifically the funds will be spent on

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/T/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."

Application for BCH Graduate Student P/T/D Support

Please fill out all sections below, obtain required signatures and submit to your advisor who will then submit the BCH Graduate Program Committee (GPC) to approve/deny. If approved, GPC will forward to BCH Business Office to process. Applicants will be notified of GPC decision by Dr. Sharp within 10 business days of submission of the complete application form.

Contact Information:

Last name:

First name:

Address:

UMD e-mail address:

UID:

MPH or PhD student:

If PhD, have you advanced to candidacy?

Year in program:

Expected semester/year of graduation:

Faculty advisor's name:

P/T/D Information:

Title of P/T/D:

Date of proposal defense:

Amount requested from BCH dept (MPH maximum = \$250; PhD maximum = \$500): _____

Materials and Signatures:

- Application form
- Copy of P/T/D abstract, proof of matching funds, and statement of what funds will be spent on

Advisor's signature and date: _____

Applicant's signature and date: _____

GPC approval/denial:

- Approve (Amount approved \$ _____)
- Deny