



Department of Kinesiology
Graduate Research Initiative Project (GRIP)
Announcement

The Department of Kinesiology's graduate student grant program – Graduate Research Initiative Project (GRIP) is intended to assist graduate students in Kinesiology with funding for their research. Available funds are limited, so this will be a competitive grant program. GRIP will have 2 grant application/review cycles per year: **September 15th and February 15** – with funding decisions provided within two months of submission deadlines. Applications that are not successful in one grant cycle may be re-submitted with revision in subsequent cycles. Funding for any one proposal will be limited to a maximum \$2500 and must be spent within one year of the award. A short report must be submitted at the end of the grant period indicating what was accomplished and how the monies were spent. All publications resulting from this funding support should carry the following acknowledgement: *Support for this research was provided by the University of Maryland Kinesiology Graduate Research Initiative Fund to <your name>.*

Grant award criteria:

- 1) Significance of the research proposed (e.g., theoretical, empirical, and/or societal)
- 2) Quality of the research approach (e.g., appropriate research design, methods, analyses)
*Note: this given the most weight in the committee's evaluation
- 3) Sufficient preliminary work to justify project feasibility
- 4) Realistic timeline
- 5) Sufficient justification of budget request

Funds requested:

- 1) must be justified, reasonable and spendable within the award period-for needs described
- 2) may include but are not limited to:
 - 3.1 supplies which directly relate to project
 - 3.2 equipment (Note: equipment purchased remains the property of the Department)
 - 3.3 extensive copying/printing directly related to project
 - 3.4 postage directly related to project
 - 3.5 payment to participants (nominal) must be referenced in your IRB (no gift cards)
 - 3.6 travel (out of state) to collect data specifically for project and must be outside of the metro area which is Washington/No. VA/Maryland, this data collection would not be available locally for this particular project
- 3) may not be used for:
 - 4.1 salaries (applicants or others) no payments to volunteers
 - 4.2 travel to a conference to present findings/abstract submission fees
 - 4.3 food reimbursements
 - 4.4 dues or any expense that would be considered a 'personal use' item
 - 4.5 donations or gifts

Eligibility:

- Graduate students (MA or PhD) with a home in Kinesiology (including those in NACS & Bioengineering whose 'home' department is considered Kinesiology and whose advisor is in Kinesiology).
- Those graduate students who will complete the grant work within the time frame of their degree program.

- Graduate students are eligible for multiple GRIPs, but are limited to one application per grant cycle.
- Re-submissions of unfunded applications in one cycle are encouraged for future cycles – so long as the critiques of the previous application have been addressed (including an explanation of how these were addressed in the re-submission application).

Proposal Guidelines

1. Proposal components (Sections):
 - 1.1. Cover page including project title, investigator (graduate student), co-investigator(s) (other graduate students), faculty sponsor (usually advisor), date of grant cycle
 - 1.2. Abstract (no more than 250 words)
 - 1.3. Significance & brief background to project including preliminary work
 - 1.4. Research question and hypotheses, if appropriate
 - 1.5. Specific aims of project (and hypotheses, if appropriate)
 - 1.6. Research Approach (including if appropriate methodology, research design, statistical analysis & power calculations)
 - 1.7. Future directions
 - 1.8. Timeline
 - 1.9. References
 - 1.10. Budget Justification
 - 1.11. Curriculum vitae or NIH biosketch
2. Page length (maximum):
 - 2.1 Sections 1.2-1.7: 5 pages
 - 2.2 Section 1.8 : normally no more than 2 pages
 - 2.3 Section 1.9: 1 page
 - 2.4 Section 1.10: 2 pages
3. Font & size: Arial 11 pt
4. Single space throughout
5. Submit as a PDF: Please include in your filename the applicant's last name and date of submission to Ms. Polly Sebastian (pollys@umd.edu)
6. A letter (under separate cover to the GRIP committee via Ms. Sebastian) from the student's advisor addressing (max 1 page):
 - 6.1 scholarly significance of the work
 - 6.2 significance of the work for the student's graduate research program
 - 6.3 capability and readiness of the student to complete the work within the specified timeline
 - 6.4 the student's need for these funds to complete the specified work
 - 6.5 a statement that there are no other available funds for this research and/or possible cost-sharing that might occur from the advisor's research funds or other external funding available for this project. [NOTE: GRIP funds are not to fund faculty research that students are conducting, but rather student research done under the supervision of the faculty.]
7. GRIP applications must be submitted by the **end of business on the date of the review cycle** in which the application is to be reviewed (i.e., September 15 and February 15 unless this deadline follows on a weekend in which case the deadline extends to the next working day).
8. All applicants must have IRB or IACUC approval before any funds can be released.

FAILURE to comply with these guidelines will result in the failure of the proposal to be reviewed