**University of Maryland, Baltimore
Graduate Student Association Research Award Application**

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Graduate Student Association (GSA) Research Award aims to support graduate students in completing their thesis when project funds may be in jeopardy or nonexistent. This award will be given twice annually, one in the spring and the other in the fall semester. The award is competitive, and the maximum amount awarded **per semester is one thousand dollars ($1000)**. **To be eligible to apply for this research award,** theapplicant must be enrolled in the Graduate School of UMB as a full-time degree-seeking PhD student. The applications are evaluated by a committee of fellow students and faculty members, and the award is granted based on demonstrated professional financial need and academic merit. Awards will be given out on a semesterly basis. The award must be spent within one year of the time granted, or funds will be reverted to the GSA.

**In what ways can this award be utilized?**

This award is **strictly for supplies toward the awardee's research**, as defined by the University of Maryland, Baltimore. This award is not for salaries, books, or anything that falls out of the realm of research supplies essential for the student to whom the award is granted. If there is any question about whether an item can be considered a supply, the issue must be brought before the UMB GSA Professional Development Committee. The committee will decide on whether the item can be purchased. Avenues for purchasing items will be determined based on the needs of the awardee. Reimbursement for supplies not sanctioned by the GSA or not purchased via the predetermined avenues is not guaranteed. No other person in the research group, including the advisor, may use the award funds.

**What are the application requirements?**

The GSA Research Award application requires you to complete the applicant’s information, advisor’s grant information, personal statement, research proposal, and endorsement. Please include or attach no more than a two-page (total), single-spaced research proposal. Include specific aims, relevance, any preliminary data found by the students, the research plan, and the time estimated for completion. The proposal should be written so scientists outside of this particular field of research can understand the proposed work. Applications will be judged based on the identification of hypotheses, outline of specific aims, and experimental design, as well as the determination of needs and application of funding.

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**1. Applicant’s Information**

*Please fill out the following information. Adjust the space as required.*

* Applicant’s full name:
* Campus address and phone:
* Official email:
* Program:
* Department:
* Month/Year accepted into the program:
* Project title:
* Requested fund (US$1,000 max):
* Is this project currently receiving departmental/bridge funding (yes/no)?
* Please list all the grants currently or previously held by the student (please describe and itemize).
* Please list other grants/awards/fellowships for which the student has applied (please include years).
* Please list any volunteering activities/ professional membership/position you serve to the community and/or the University of Maryland.

**2. Advisor’s Grant Information**

*Please fill out the following information. Adjust the space as required.*

* Advisor’s name:
* Advisor’s department:
* Advisor’s official email:

*Please list ALL grants currently held by this advisor. The application will only be considered if filled out accurately and completely. The total dollar amount refers to the total direct cost (not per year) awarded by the granting institution. If more room is needed, please attach additional pages. Please use the following format.*

* Grant title:
* Granting institution:
* Project start date:
* Project end date:
* Total amount (in US$):
* Number of graduate students supported by this grant:

**3. Personal Statement**

*Please include here a two hundred and fifty (250) word explanation of your current research situation and why you need and deserve this award. Also, briefly explain how the funds will be used to advance the project.*

**4. Research proposal**

*Please include here or attach no more than a two-page (total), single-spaced research proposal. Include specific aims, relevance, any preliminary data found by students, research plan and time estimated for completion. The proposal should be written so scientists outside of this particular field of research can understand the proposed work. Applications will be judged based on Identification of Hypothesis, Outline of Specific Aims, and Experimental Design, as well as Determination of Need and Application of Funding.*

**5. Endorsement**

*All signatures and statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of the applicant’s, advisor’s and administrator’s knowledge.*

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Signature of Advisor:

Date:

Name of department’s Accounting Manager or Funding Administrator:

Signature of Accounting Manager/Funding Administrator:

Date:

*This application and research proposal must be submitted as a single PDF file to* *umb.gsa.gcrep@gmail.com* *no later than the specified deadline by email, typically by the end of January for the spring semester and the end of July for the fall Semester. Please visit the GSA website* [*https://www.graduate.umaryland.edu/gsa/awards/research-awards/*](https://www.graduate.umaryland.edu/gsa/awards/research-awards/)*) for additional details. Please follow up with emails regarding the GSA Research Award application deadline. Awards will be announced by email and through contact with the applicants’ program. Applicants may also contact the GSA office regarding decisions. Incomplete, inaccurate, or late applications will not be considered. Money for these awards is provided by the GSA of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and must be cited as such.*