

Application for the MCM Fund for Student Research Excellence

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Project Title: _____

Research Advisor: _____ Academic Advisor _____

Program of Study: BA MA AuD PhD Date: _____

Have you received MCM funding before? _____

If so, how much, in what HESP program at the time? \$ _____ Program: _____

This award is designed to support student research projects, and is made possible by an endowment to the Department. Support will be granted to implement active research projects, such as materials, equipment, subject payments, etc., as well as to cover expenses associated with presentation of the student's research at professional meetings (Such research must have been conducted at the University of Maryland). No award will exceed \$500, and most awards will be of lesser value, to accommodate the number of students seeking financial assistance.

The MCM is a fund to support student research and not for travel for non-research presentations. If you want to apply for funding to a conference for a non-research presentation, please see information in the "Travel Awards" section at <https://hesp.umd.edu/undergraduate/apply-funding>

Any student receiving an MCM award is expected to write a post for the department's blog site. Although there is flexibility in the topic, the expectation is that the post would be about the current state of the literature on the topic being studied: what we know, what we don't know, and why we should care. This is an opportunity to explain to a broader audience why your research topic is interesting and worth pursuing.

Eligibility:

If applying for travel funds, graduate students must concurrently apply for either a Goldhaber Award or an International Travel Award from the Graduate School (http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/current_students/travel_awards.html), and attach a copy of the application. Successful funding from the Graduate School is NOT required, but evidence of an application for funding must be shown. No student may receive travel funding from the MCM fund more than once while in a program.

A departmental review committee will select recipients and level of funding based on the following criteria:

- Perceived merit(s) and strength of the research proposal.
- Student achievement to date and progress toward degree.
- Perceived need for support to carry out research as outlined in appended materials.
- Preference will be given to those students who have not received an MCM award during their current degree program. Only doctoral students may apply more than once during their degree program. If research funding is being requested a second time, students should provide documentation that they have sought funding from another source.

Instructions:

Title, brief description of study, and support need (one page or less). Please be succinct, and write for a broad audience, who may not be familiar with certain terminology. Please see sample on HESP website.

A .pdf of the application should be emailed to the HESP Chair. Applications must be received by the Chair by October 1 (Fall) or February 15 (Spring).

If awarded funds, students will be given the funds with instructions on bookkeeping. Funds must be expended within a year of the award date, with appropriate documentation of expenditures. If a portion of the funds goes unused, monies will revert to the department. Funds must be expended while the student is still enrolled at the University of Maryland.

(For projects, please attach either your IRB proposal or Prospectus; for conference travel, please attach your submission and notification of acceptance).

Has this study been approved by the IRB? ____ Yes (date) ____ No ____ Pending

Student information:

Year in program _____ GPA in program _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Requested materials/supplies/support (please itemize):

Item(s)	Per item cost	Total
Supplies (tapes, tests ¹ , etc.)		
Equipment ²		
Subject payments		
Conference registration or travel		
Other (please itemize):		
		Total request (must not exceed \$500):

Research Advisor endorsement: I support this request for funding support

Research Advisor Name/Signature

Date

Comments:

¹ All durable items (e.g., tests, equipment) must be returned to the Department following completion of the proposed study.

² All equipment purchased through this award must be returned to the Department after conclusion of the study.

Student Signature