



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER

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Student Research Grants Program Call for Proposals

PURPOSE

The University of Texas at Tyler strongly encourages student engagement in research. The overall purpose of this program is to promote student research in all disciplines. The main objective of the program is to aid students in their interaction with other students, researchers, faculty members, and other members of a research team. The benefits for student recipients of these awards include: 1) learning how to solve distinctive intellectual challenges in a structured and supervised university research environment; 2) improvement of knowledge of a research topic; 3) development of valuable research skills and self-discovery; 4) becoming better acquainted with faculty and senior research staff, who can provide valuable career guidance and references; and, 5) gaining the needed research experience for acceptance into graduate school.

AWARDS

The University of Texas at Tyler Student Research Grant Program will fund 10 graduate and 10 undergraduate research projects on a competitive basis for the Spring, 2010 semester. At the end of the Spring semester, the selected students will participate in a poster presentation competition at the Annual Student Research Day.

These student research awards are made for a single semester and are awarded by the Vice President for Research. Because funds are limited, the awards will be made on a competitive basis. **Up to \$500 may be requested by student researchers**, which may be used as wages for work on the project, supplies, project travel, or equipment. In addition to the \$500 award, the faculty sponsors of the selected students will receive \$300 to support the students' research projects. These funds can be used for equipment, supplies, etc.

There are no restrictions on the nature of the research - it can be in any field. However, the research must be on a serious, credible topic of inquiry, and there must be a faculty supervisor for the project.

Upon completion of the project, the student researcher must submit a one-page report summarizing the research activities, with the faculty sponsor certifying that the student satisfactorily completed the project.

ELIGIBILITY

All graduate and undergraduate students are eligible to apply for this funding. Students must be enrolled full-time at The University of Texas at Tyler in order to apply for these awards.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, 2009.

The applications will be evaluated based on the proposed research topic, the quality of the proposal, and the commitment of the faculty advisor.

- A. RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION – Download from the OSR Website.
- B. BUDGET – List every item requested, **separately**, for **both**, the \$500 student award and the \$300 advisor allotment, in this order: Wages (limited to \$7.50 - \$8/hr for undergraduate students and \$11.50 - \$12/hr for graduate students), Supplies (M & O), Travel, Equipment, and Other Expenses. Travel may be requested only if you currently have an active appointment for work with your sponsor or if you are requesting funds for wages and an appointment will be created for your work. If you are requesting funds for wages in this application, you must state the dates of the work (no longer than through April 23, 2009, the amount per hour, and the number of hours per week).
- C. PROJECT DESCRIPTION – Please follow the instructions below:
 - 1. Paragraph 1: Briefly describe the problem to be solved.
 - 2. Paragraph 2: Briefly describe how you will conduct the research.
 - 3. Paragraph 3: Briefly describe your faculty sponsor's research area and commitment to your project.

CONDITIONS

- 1. The proposal application must be complete and readable.
- 2. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- 3. All award recipients must agree to participate in a poster presentation on the results of the research near the end of April, 2010.
- 4. All award recipients must submit a one-page report summarizing the research activities, with the faculty sponsor certifying that the recipient satisfactorily completed the project.
 - a. Recipients who fail to submit this report will not be eligible to compete for this award the following year.
- 5. Only one application may be considered from an individual student.
- 6. All funds awarded for the 2010 Spring semester must be expended (not just encumbered) by 23 April 2010.

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