

Graduate Research and Development Project (GRDP) Program Description

Description and Funding Cycles:

The GRDP is a program administered by the GSA which provides monetary support for degree contingent research conducted by graduate students. This funding opportunity is available to graduate students twice a year in two cycles, for 2008-2009:

Cycle I - July 1 - December 31 (Submit Applications between Sep 1st and Oct 10th)

Cycle II - January 1 - June 30 (To be announced)

Award recipients are notified at the end of each semester via campus e-mail.

Application materials:

The GRDP funding application form must be submitted Via **the VT scholar system** (<https://scholar.vt.edu/portal>). Please see the application direction for details.

Review process:

The applications are reviewed in a three step process:

Step 1: Applications are reviewed by GRDP chair.

Step 2: Applications are judged in a blind review by a committee of graduate students selected to represent each college.

Step 3: Applications are judged in a blind review by one faculty member within the applicants' department.

Up to \$400 may be awarded for selected Masters proposals and \$600 for Doctoral proposals (terminal degrees).

In conjunction with the office of multicultural affairs, applications may be submitted for consideration for funding in diversity related research. Each cycle two awards will be granted in the amount of \$500. The application process is the same as the GRDP however an additional review by multicultural affairs is required for approval. To be considered, check the box next to "Diversity Grant" on the first page of the application form. You are only able to receive funding from the GRDP or the diversity scholarship, whichever is greater. If you are not selected for the diversity scholarship, it will in no way affect the decision of the GRDP selection.

Research must be conducted at Virginia Tech by full time graduate students.

Procedures and Guidelines

1. The applicant or other relevant sources may be contacted for clarification of the research application.
2. No project employing human subjects will be funded without the approval of the appropriate Human Subjects Review Committee of the University.
3. All equipment purchased shall be the property of the grant recipients department.
4. The list below indicates items that will **NOT** be considered for funding:
 - Salaries for applicant or other personnel who perform routine student services or duties
 - Office equipment not provided by the department or advisor.
 - Supplies and materials provided by the department on a regular basis (paper, stencils, copying, etc.)
 - Tuition, fees, or other personal costs
 - Retroactive reimbursement for expense incurred prior to the granting period for which this research project application is submitted.
 - Travel expenses for presenting the research at a professional meeting-- please apply to the GSA Travel Fund Program instead.
5. Please note: Students **cannot** receive the GRDP funding for two consecutive funding cycles.
6. The following criteria will be used for evaluating applications:
 - Overall significance of research.
 - Organization of research proposal and writing skills.
 - Clarity of research and budget justification.
7. **Award money must be collected within one year of granted.**