



Graduate Student Summer Research Awards College of Arts and Science

Summer 2011

Program: The College of Arts and Science Summer Research Award (SRA) Program is designed to help graduate students with outstanding potential to accelerate progress toward scholarly publications based on their research. Given the availability of 12-month stipends for doctoral programs, SRAs will support summer projects which need additional funds. These awards of up to \$2,000 will be given on a competitive basis with preference given to projects clearly designed with the goal of publication. Requests for funding exceeding this amount will be considered, but will need strong support and justification.

Eligibility: Doctoral students in good standing making satisfactory progress toward the degree are eligible for the SRA. The funds are intended to support summer research for the dissertation or dissertation proposal; archival research or field work; programs to improve required second language skills or analytic capabilities; proposals for creative uses of funding to enhance research are welcomed. Funds are not to be used to support either Vanderbilt coursework or preparation for qualifying examinations. A student may receive this award no more than twice during his or her career at Vanderbilt.

Application process: Applications should include:

- a completed SRA Graduate Student Cover Sheet signed by the student and the Department Chair or Director of Graduate Studies
- a current *curriculum vitae*
- a letter of support from a faculty member who is supervising the research proposed for funding
- a transcript of coursework undertaken at Vanderbilt
- a 1-2 page proposal
- a detailed, itemized budget.

The proposal should be intelligible to non-specialists, convey a sense of the importance of the research, and outline as concretely as possible what research activities will be undertaken during the summer.

Applicants should submit materials electronically, via a single .pdf document, to Colette Rybinski (colette.c.barrett@vanderbilt.edu). The letter of support may be sent separately by its faculty author. Applications are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2011.

Each award recipient must submit a two-page final report to Dean Russell McIntire and to his or her DGS. The report is due no later than Friday, August 19, 2011, and should provide an account of the outcome of the efforts supported by the award and a description of how the student plans to develop this work in the future.

Questions: Prospective applicants should direct questions about the College of Arts and Science Summer Research Award Program to Dean Russell McIntire.