

Marylyn C. Grabosky Prize Application

Eligibility: All third-year students in the College who are writing a B.A. thesis related to education are eligible.

Award: The award provides financial support for the pursuit of research that will serve as the foundation for the student's thesis. The maximum award is \$3000.

Deadline: May 5, 2023

Requirements:

1. Research proposal
2. Personal statement
3. Project timeline
4. Budget
5. CV or résumé
6. Letter of recommendation from an advisor

Please submit a pdf of all your application materials to Jamie Gentry, jagentry@uchicago.edu.

Research Proposal Questions

In 2-4 double-spaced pages, address the following questions:

Question 1: Describe your research question.

The research question or hypothesis should be focused on a topic related to education. Develop answerable questions (or testable hypotheses) in the context of the larger research topic.

Question 2: What evidence will you need to collect to answer your research question? How will you go about collecting this evidence?

Applicants should explain how the evidence gathered and the analytical procedures proposed will support the research goals expressed in Question 1.

Question 3: How does your research build on existing scholarship in social sciences? Give specific examples of this scholarship and its findings.

Situate your research within the literature relevant to your topic of research. Why should other scholars be interested in the question you are asking? Show that your research is connected to conversations in your field, including the potential significance and implications of your research.

Personal Statement

Write a brief (1 page or less) personal statement outlining your broader research interests and career goals. State how your coursework has served in preparation of these goals, and describe any other relevant research, professional, or personal experiences related to your BA research.

Project Timeline

Provide a timeline of when and how your research will be carried out. Be specific about what activities will occur when activities will occur.

Please note that while this prize is intended to support research during the summer after a student's third year, it is acceptable for the activities in the project timeline to spill over into the Autumn Quarter of the fourth year.

Budget Guidelines

Please submit a detailed budget for your project.

The maximum award is \$3,000. You should use the categories listed below when relevant and be as detailed as is appropriate to the circumstances.

Please indicate whether you have already received funding for your research. If you have research funding from other sources, please detail the value of the award, and the expenses for which it will be paying. Please also state whether you have applied for other sources of funding and are still waiting to hear back from those sources.

Expenses Allowed

1. Research expenses directly related and essential to the project, including travel, research assistance, transcription costs, specialized software, compensation for informants/participants, summer living expenses, and other relevant research expenditures.
2. Supplies and equipment directly related to the successful completion of the project.

Please note that the University requires equipment bought by the grant money above a certain valuation be returned to the department by completion of the project.

Final Report

Please submit a copy of your thesis for our records after its submission.

Sample Budget

Budget : July 5 – August 16, 2006

Expense	Cost in USD
Transportation	
Round-trip flight from Chicago to Foreign city	675
Airport departure tax (Foreign city)	39
Transportation to-from O'Hare airport (\$40 each way) 80 Transportation within Foreign city:	
Taxi to-from international airport (\$15 each way)	30
Transportation within Foreign city (\$2/day x 21 days)	42
Round-trip flight from Foreign city A to Foreign city B	150
<i>Subtotal: Transportation</i>	<i>1,016</i>
Food and Lodging	
Housing in Foreign city A (hotel: \$20/day x 21 days)	420
Housing in Foreign city B (hotel: \$20/day x 21 days)	420
Meals (estimated at \$15/day x 42 days)	630
<i>Subtotal: Food and Lodging</i>	<i>1,470</i>
Materials and Supplies	
Atlas.ti (student license)	100
Digital voice recorder: Olympus DS2200 and omnidirectional microphone	300
Photocopying costs during archival research	100
Miscellaneous materials (notebooks, pens, paper)	25
<i>Subtotal: Materials and Supplies</i>	<i>525</i>
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Payments to research participants	180
Local research assistant (\$100/month for 6 weeks)	150
<i>Subtotal: Miscellaneous Expenses</i>	<i>330</i>
TOTAL*	\$3341

*Note that the maximum award is \$3,000.