INTERNAL FUNDING

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GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH EXPO

November 9 & 10
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

TRAVEL GRANT
(4/Y, MAX $850, CONF./TRAIN.)

DODSON RESEARCH GRANT
(2/Y, MAX $3K, RESEARCH)

UTEP GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

SUMMER RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP
OVERVIEW & TIPS
THE BASICS

• [www.utep.edu/graduate/funding](http://www.utep.edu/graduate/funding)

• Read & follow the instructions.

• Use the proper electronic form.

• Email me if you have questions.

• Late submissions aren’t considered.
TIPS

• Communicate with your advisor.
• Show you care by proofing, thinking, and following instructions.
• Be aware of your technology.
• Don’t wait until the last minute.
IF YOU ARE AWARDED:

• Communicate with your admin.
• Follow travel policies.
• Do what you said you’d do.
• Expect to report back (especially Dodson).
TRAVEL
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• These grants are primarily for students who have been accepted to present at a conference
• Exceptions can be made for unique training/professional development opportunities
• Grant awards are up to $850
Proposals demonstrating the *highest quality* will be funded. Among applications of similar quality preference will be given if:

- The applicant is presenting his/her own research as principal author at a national or international meeting.
- The applicant has secured support from another source (where possible).
- The applicant has not been funded previously by the Graduate School.
- The applicant is a full-time student.
WHAT DOES “HIGHEST QUALITY” MEAN?

• Your work seems important—even to those of us who might not share your specialization
• You have explained the significance of the conference or meeting
• You explain how this opportunity will enhance your graduate education and possibly your career
• You will take advantage of the opportunity by developing your academic and professional skills
WHAT DOES “HIGHEST QUALITY” MEAN?

The message of support from your faculty supervisor/mentor should:

• Be favorable

• Verify that you actually have been accepted to present at a conference or meeting

• Indicate an engaged relationship where faculty has mentored student and grad student has met or exceeded expectations
THE 4 DEADLINES

• September 30th
• November 15th
• February 1st
• April 15th

for travel during the remainder of the academic year including summer
Les and Harriet Dodson
Mountain Pass Canning Company
Willed entire estate to UTEP
Funds are to be used at the discretion of UTEP’s President to benefit students.
  Ropes Course
  Music Theater Scholarships
  Library reference materials
  Medical Professions Institute
  Graduate Student Research Grants
• Funds are to assist grad student research:
  – Dissertation
  – Thesis
  – Final projects
  – Other projects
• Up to $3000 per student
• **Student 1** – MS in Engineering, College of Engineering. Used Dodson funds to develop a water filtration system for use in underdeveloped communities.

• **Student 2** – PhD in Borderlands History in the College of Liberal Arts. Used Dodson funds to travel within the state and internationally to access archival data on binational water use.

• **Student 3** – PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, College of Science. Used Dodson funds to support travel to Africa to collect samples of a rare chameleon, studied to gauge the impact of climate change.

• **Student 4** – PhD in International Business in the College of Business Administration. Used the funds to purchase incentives to recruit participants.
ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION

- Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate degree program and show progress toward the degree.
- Preference may go to students who have not previously won the Dodson grant.
- Students may only be awarded the Dodson grant once per academic year.
- Students may not be awarded the Dodson grant more than twice during their Master’s or doctoral program.
- Students who have won the Dodson grant before should explain in their application why they should be funded a second time.
- Funding may support travel for the purposes of conducting research or to receive specialized research training, but not for attendance or presentation at academic conferences.
- Applicants must apply as individuals, not as a team.
HOW TO APPLY

• Online application

• Your proposal:
  1) Project proposal (maximum 3 pages double spaced)
  2) Itemized budget and budget justification
  3) IRB approval (if necessary)

• A letter of support from your faculty supervisor/mentor (uploaded as a Word or PDF file as form routes)
Project Proposal

- Three pages, double-spaced
- **Clear, non-technical** explanation of the project
- Description of the activities to be supported
- Explanation of how this funding will contribute to the completion of the degree
- If a previous Dodson grant winner, explanation as to why you should be funded a second time.
• **Itemized budget & budget justification** to include only actual research expenses
  – No wages paid to the applicant
  – No tuition
  – No hiring assistants to do the work
  – These may NOT include wages paid to applicant or personal items. Any items purchased with grant funds will be property of UTEP.
  – Also, please indicate any efforts you have made to secure other funding for research support.
Letter of Support by Faculty Supervisor/Mentor:

Once you submit your proposal, your faculty supervisor will be prompted (via email) to submit a letter of support electronically, which is required to apply for the Dodson Research Grant.

The faculty letter should comment on the degree to which funding will advance your research agenda and any other information he/she would like to share about your merit.

It is recommended that you forward a version of your application to your supervisor in order to assist them in the preparation of their letter of support, which should be uploaded electronically (faculty will receive a link via email once you complete and submit your proposal).
• Deadline to apply for the **Spring/Summer 2018** grants will be **October 27, 2017**.

• Deadline to apply for the **Summer/Fall 2018** grants will be **March, 2018**.

• Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
SUMMER RA
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• Supported by the Office of the Provost, the Graduate School will provide summer research support for master's or doctoral students working on a research project under the direction of a faculty mentor during Summer 2018.

• Each student will be paid up to $3,000 for 10 weeks of work.

• Watch this space—April 2018.
GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS
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• Various funds managed by Office of Scholarships

• One application—“ScholarMine”

• Awards range from a couple hundred dollars to thousands of dollars.

• If you don’t apply you can’t be selected.

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Q&A
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Travel Grant:
• September 30th
• November 15th

Dodson Research Grant:
• October 27th

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