



Department of Kinesiology  
**Graduate Research Initiative Project (GRIP)**  
Announcement

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The Department of Kinesiology's graduate student grant program – Graduate Research Initiative Project (GRIP) is intended to assist graduate students in Kinesiology with funding for their research. Available funds are limited, so this will be a competitive grant program. GRIP will have 3 grant application/review cycles per year: **August 1, December 1, and April 1** – with funding decisions provided by the first day of the following month. Applications that are not successful in one grant cycle may be re-submitted with revision in subsequent cycles. Funding for any one proposal will be limited to a maximum \$2500 and must be spent within one year of the award. A short report must be submitted at the end of the grant period indicating what was accomplished and how the monies were spent. All publications resulting from this funding support should carry the following acknowledgement: *Support for this research was provided by the University of Maryland Kinesiology Graduate Research Initiative Project to <your name>.*

Grant award criteria:

- 1) Significance of the research proposed (e.g., theoretical, empirical, and/or societal)
- 2) Quality of the research approach (e.g., appropriate research design, methods, analyses)
- 3) Sufficient preliminary work to justify project feasibility
- 4) Realistic timeline
- 5) Sufficient justification of budget request

Funds requested:

- 1) must be justified
- 2) must be reasonable for the needs described
- 3) may include but are not limited to:
  - 3.1 supplies
  - 3.2 equipment (Note: equipment purchased remains the property of the Department)
  - 3.3 extensive copying/printing
  - 3.4 postage
  - 3.5 payment to participants (nominal) or “prizes” for participants
  - 3.6 travel to collect data
- 4) may not be used for:
  - 4.1 salaries (applicants or others) unless as part of a service
  - 4.2 travel to a conference to present funding

Eligibility:

- Graduate students (MA or PhD) with a home in Kinesiology (including those in NACS & Bioengineering whose ‘home’ department is considered Kinesiology and whose advisor is in Kinesiology).
- Those graduate students who will complete the grant work within the time frame of their degree program.
- Graduate students are eligible for multiple GRIPs, but are limited to one application per grant cycle.

## Proposal Guidelines

1. Proposal components (Sections):
  - 1.1. Cover page including project title, investigator (graduate student), co-investigator(s) (other graduate students), faculty sponsor (usually advisor), date of grant cycle
  - 1.2. Abstract (no more than 250 words)
  - 1.3. Significance & brief background to project including preliminary work
  - 1.4. Specific aims of project (and hypotheses, if appropriate)
  - 1.5. Research Approach (including if appropriate methodology, research design, statistical analysis & power calculations)
  - 1.6. Expected findings and future directions
  - 1.7. Timeline
  - 1.8. References
  - 1.9. Budget Justification
  - 1.10. Curriculum vitae or NIH biosketch
2. Page length (maximum):
  - 2.1 Sections 1.2-1.7: 5 pages
  - 2.2 Section 1.8 : normally no more than 2 pages
  - 2.3 Section 1.9: 1 page
  - 2.4 Section 1.10: 2 pages
3. Font & size: Arial 11 pt
4. Single space throughout
5. Submit as a PDF: Please include in your filename the applicant's last name and date of submission to Deborah Jones (dejones@umd.edu)
6. A letter (under separate cover to the GRIP committee via Deborah Jones) from the student's advisor addressing (max 1 page):
  - 6.1 scholarly significance of the work
  - 6.2 significance of the work for the student's graduate research program
  - 6.3 capability and readiness of the student to complete the work within the specified timeline
  - 6.4 the student's need for these funds to complete the specified work
7. GRIP applications must be submitted by the end of business on the date of the review cycle in which the application is to be reviewed (i.e., August 1, December 1, and April 1 unless this deadline follows on a weekend in which case the deadline extends to the next working day).

**FAILURE to comply with these guidelines will result in the failure of the proposal to be reviewed.**