

Proposed change in V-fund Award amount (GSS Bylaws)

In honor of Dean Verhosek, the GSS V-fund provides funds for incidental costs incurred in thesis research: conference presentation and thesis binding.

Article XI of the GSS Bylaws titled V-fund Administration stipulates that:

- *The lifetime total of awards from the V-Fund is \$150 per student.*
- *This amount is to be distributed as follows:*
 - a. Presentation at a professional conference, not to exceed the amount of \$100.*
 - b. Thesis/Dissertation binding for an amount not to exceed \$50.*

The Organizations and Allocations Committee is proposing to increase the award to a lifetime maximum amount of \$250 to be distributed as follows:

Conference presentation: maximum of \$200/student

Thesis binding: maximum of \$50/student.

Our wish to increase the award amount reflects an increase in the funds allotted for V-fund awards in the GSS budget (\$5,000/year) as well as the high cost of presenting at a conference (registration, travel, hotel, food). We believe the increase in the grant award will fulfill two purposes: to get more people interested in applying, and to give more money for graduates students presenting at a conference.

We also recommend that any grant money not used in the allotted semester will be rolled over to the next semester to be used to fund more eligible applicants. If at the end of the year there is still grant money left, we recommend it will be roll over to the V-fund endowment.

V-fund Rules and Guidelines 2006-2007: <http://gss.case.edu/vfund.html>

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicant must be enrolled in the School of Graduate Studies as full or part-time, degree-seeking students.
- Applicant must have completed at least 12 credit hours of graduate level course.
- Applicant must be a presenter at a conference to be eligible to receive up to \$200 (lifetime) for incidentals. Application must include a copy of the conference confirmation of acceptance for presentation (oral/poster).
- Applicant can also request up to \$50 for thesis/dissertation binding.

Restrictions

- One grant application per student (per semester) with a lifetime maximum of \$250 to any student.
- No grants will be awarded to pay for tuition, fees, fines or professional society memberships.
- No grants will be awarded for attending a conference without giving an oral or poster presentation.

Application

- Except in unusual circumstances of immediate need, all grants are approved on a reimbursement basis.
- Application deadlines will be Dec 1, April 1 and Sept 1 of each academic year for the fall, spring and summer semesters, respectively.
- Application will consist of one-page form confirming eligibility by the appropriate deadline for the semester. Original receipts should be submitted for reimbursement within 60 days of the event/conference.
- The student will request the amount of money needed for the event, according to the guidelines and maximum grant award allowed.
- Application should be handed in or sent by campus mail to:
Graduate Studies
Nord hall 6th floor
- All applications must be received by the date noted above to be eligible for consideration.

Awards

- The Organizations and Allocations committee will verify applicant's eligibility for the V-fund.
- Shortly after the submission deadline, the Organizations and Allocations committee will distribute awards to eligible applicants until the allotted money is used.
- Applicants may apply once per semester so long as eligibility criteria are met.
- Any grant money not used in the allotted semester will be rolled over to the next semester to be used to fund more eligible applicants. If at the end of the year there is still grant money left, it will be roll over to the V-fund endowment.

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