Applying for the Dodson Research Grant

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Agenda

- Who were the Dodsons?
- What are these funds used for?
- How do I apply?
- How are the funds managed?
- After I’m finished with my research, what else is required from me?
• 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
The Graduate School sponsors the grant

Funds are to assist grad student research:

- Dissertation
- Thesis
- Final projects
- Other projects
The Funds

- Graduate School applies for a pool of funds on an annual basis
- Fostering graduate student research activities
- Up to $3000 per student
- Reports from previous students
For example...

- **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 Chemistry in the College of Science. Used funds to access specialized equipment and procedures at UC-Davis.
For example...

- **Student 3**—PhD in International Business in the College of Business Administration. Used the funds to purchase incentives to recruit participants.

- **Student 4**—PhD in Teaching, Learning and Culture in the College of Education. Dodson funds supported the purchase of equipment and supplies needed for qualitative research data collection.
For example...

- **Student 5** – 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 6** – PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, College of Science. Used Dodson funds to support travel to Africa with his major professor to collect samples of a rare chameleon, studied to gauge the impact of climate change.
HOW DO I APPLY?
Required Documents

- **Cover letter/application**
  - [http://graduate.utep.edu/Other%20Materials/Forms%20Folder/Dodson_Research_Grants_Form.pdf](http://graduate.utep.edu/Other%20Materials/Forms%20Folder/Dodson_Research_Grants_Form.pdf)

- **Itemized budget to include only actual research expenses**
  - No wages paid to the applicant
  - No tuition
  - No hiring assistants to do the work
  - No laptops or other personal technology

- **Statement of support from the faculty mentor**
Project Proposal

- Three pages, double-spaced
- Clear explanation of the project
  - In non-technical language
- Description of the activities to be supported
- Budget justification
- Explanation of how this funding will contribute to the completion of the degree
BE SURE TO

- Write coherently
- Use your spell-check
- Answer all the questions being asked
- Offer to let your major professor review the proposal before it is submitted.
Please note:

No funds will be released for projects involving human or animal subjects until proposals have been reviewed and approved by the UTEP ORSP for compliance, and student researchers have received appropriate training.

You must provide documentation of your approved study.
For the Summer 2015 competition, applications are due May 25, 2015 at 5:00 pm

For the Fall 2015 competition, applications are due by July 20, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered
Applications are reviewed and scored by at least two members of a faculty panel who score each application on its quality and merit.
How are the funds managed?

- Funds are released from the Graduate School to the student’s home department.
- Funds are managed at the department/program level.
- Travel must be managed according to UTEP Guidelines.
- Keep all your receipts!!
After I’m done with my research...

- Report to the Graduate School
- Becomes part of report to President
- Used as basis for requesting the next round of funds

- We’ll see you at graduation 😊
Questions?

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