



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Graduate Student Summer Research Awards

Summer 2015

The Program. The College of Arts and Science Summer Research Award (SRA) program is designed to help graduate students with outstanding potential to accelerate progress on their research. Summer Research Awards support endeavors that require funds in addition to the stipend; such endeavors may include research for the doctoral thesis, research for other advanced projects, or scholarly activities that significantly advance professional development. Awards will be granted on a competitive basis. Students may request awards of \$1,000–\$3,000; however, the College may not be able to grant the full sum requested by every successful applicant. In determining the amount of each award, the Committee on Graduate Education will consider the degree of need demonstrated by the proposal and budget, the number of successful applications, and the total available funds.

Eligibility. Doctoral students in good standing making satisfactory progress toward the degree are eligible for the SRA. The funds are intended to support students' work for the dissertation, dissertation proposal, or other scholarly projects, and are not to be used to support Vanderbilt coursework. A student may receive this award no more than twice during her or his career at Vanderbilt.

Application Process. Each application should include the following materials:

1. Current *curriculum vitae*—2-page maximum, including education, relevant experience, and products (publications, presentations, software products, performances, and other forms of creative expression)
2. A 1-2 page proposal which is intelligible to non-specialists, conveys the nature and importance of the research, and describes in specific terms the activities to be pursued during the summer
3. A detailed budget, outlining expenses associated with the proposed research: travel, lodgings, equipment and supplies, and/or other costs incurred
4. Two 1-page letters of support, one of which must be from a faculty member who will supervise the proposed research
5. SRA Cover Sheet filled out by the Director of Graduate Studies

[Note: If other funding sources are available to supplement SRA support (for example, Graduate School Travel Grants, departmental awards, or relevant external fellowships), the applicant should identify those funding sources and indicate that she or he will apply for them. If no other funding sources are available, the applicant should provide a statement to that effect.]

Submission of Applications.

- The applicant is responsible for submitting the *curriculum vitae*, research proposal, and budget. These materials should be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies as a single PDF.
- Recommendation letters should be submitted directly to the Director of Graduate Studies.
- The Director of Graduate Studies should complete the SRA Cover Sheet, add it to the student's application, then email the whole package as a PDF to GraduateSummerResearch@Vanderbilt.Edu
- **All application materials are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015.**

Final Report. Each award recipient must submit a two-page final report to Dean Victoria Greene and to her or his DGS. The report is due no later than **Friday, August 21, 2015**, and should provide an account of the outcome of the efforts supported by the award and a description of how the student plans to develop this work in the future.

Questions? Prospective applicants should direct questions about the College of Arts and Science Summer Research Award Program to Dean Victoria Greene at senta.v.greene@vanderbilt.edu.