**Research Funds Competition**

The IB Graduate Program Fellowship Committee has funds that are allocated competitively to graduate students to help them achieve their career goals.  Please note that any award you receive is taxed.

**Research Funds.**

The maximum amount of funds available per student is $12,000 over their entire graduate program career. Students can apply for funds every fall and spring for research and travel for meetings and workshops.

Please note that these funds are not guaranteed but are awarded on a competitive basis. There is no guarantee that all applications will be funded or that every student will be awarded the maximum of $12,000 over their career. Besides assessing the quality of the proposal, the committee will also take into account the applicant’s compliance to the various milestones in the graduate program, as outlined in the current handbook. For example, students should have taken their qualifying exams in a timely manner, presented a research talk each year after being admitted to candidacy, and submit both the annual assessment form and the results of the yearly meeting of the dissertation committee.

**Letter of Recommendation:**

**You are required to have your supervisor submit a letter in support of your application.  The letter should explain the relationship between your proposed research and your mentor’s research interests. You are responsible for ensuring that the supervisor’s letter is submitted by the deadline.**

**Research Grant Proposal**

**Directions:** Enter or cut and paste your information into this form in the appropriate boxes (the text will wrap). Save the completed application as a PDF and email to the Graduate Coordinator.

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| Date Annual Assessment or Mentoring Plan was completed and report submitted? |  |

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| In Candidacy?  | Yes No |

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| For those in candidacy: Date of recent annual dissertation committee meeting and report submitted. |  |

After Candidacy, date and venue of most recent research seminar presented.

Proposal: Provide a description of activities to be supported by the requested funds, responding to all the specific concerns listed below.  Approach this as if you were writing a grant to obtain funds from a federal granting agency, jargon should be limited to what a smart biology undergrad would know, and you should write for an audience of non-experts. Feel free to include figures in your proposal. **Limit your total description to three pages or less (excluding the references).  Proposals longer than three pages will not be read.**

State the general biological question being addressed and its significance within the larger context of your graduate program. Emphasize what is novel about your proposed project.

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Describe the proposed experiments and the rationale behind them: how will the results help to clarify the main question highlighted in the introduction. State the specific hypotheses, if available. Exploratory research to obtain preliminary data and evaluate feasibility of alternative lines of inquiry for the main dissertation project is also acceptable.

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Describe the methods that will be used to collect data.

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Describe how the data will be analyzed (include statistical analysis), and discuss expected results

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Literature cited (complete references).

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Budget: Create a specific budget for your anticipated needs, detailing how much money is needed for each part of the project. Be aware that there is a cap of $2,500 and round off the amounts to the nearest $10 in your budget. *Receipts for all expenses must be turned into the Graduate Coordinator and are required before one can again apply for research funds.*

Example:

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| Materials |  |
| Equipment |  |
| Travel for research purposes |  |
| Other (please list) |  |

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CV: Provide the most recent version of your CV, including your academic background, your year in the graduate program, and the name of your supervising professor.