# Graduate Student Project Grants

**Overview**

The Graduate Student Project Grants is an annual program with a budget of $90,000 that supports both new and continuing creative projects and research, frequently enabling graduate students to travel throughout the world to pursue their work. The Provost chairs an internal review committee and the process to apply is simple and straightforward.

**Student Eligibility**

• Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or above
• Enrolled as full-time graduate student at time of application
• Holds a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN), which is necessary to receive grant check.

*Important*: please contact Catherine (Kate) Sacco, Associate Director, Office of International Student Services, 401-709-8474, csacco@risd.edu if you need a SSN.

**Project Categories**

Graduate students may apply in only one category annually:

1. Individual – a PRE-FINAL or FINAL year student.
2. Collaborative – proposal may include graduate students from any department, any year, with no limit on the group size. One student must act as the primary contact. The primary contact receives the grant check and is responsible for managing project funds. *Project Budget Request not to exceed $6,500.*

**Project Funding**

1. PRE-FINAL year – a first-year student in 2-year program, or first- or second-year student in 3-year program. *Project Budget Request not to exceed $3,500.*
2. FINAL year – a first-year student in a 1-year program, or second-year student in 2-year program, or third-year student in 3-year program. *Project Budget Request not to exceed $5,500.*

*Important*: $500 is withheld from each grant recipient and distributed at the discretion of the Provost pending submission of the Post-Grant Report.

**Evaluative Criteria**

• Originality – demonstrates innovative, critical thinking and practice
• Feasibility – clear, ambitious, achievable goals, timeframe, and budget
• Contribution – to discipline, community discourse, and potential for impact
• Relevance – to student's education and practice, with expected outcomes and deliverables

**Submission Process**

Submit one PDF including all required information and supporting materials. Complete the "Graduate Student Project Grants | Submit a Proposal" form at: http://ow.ly/Jc1y308EFJU.

Upload required Project Grant information and images:

1. Project Title
2. Project Abstract – *50 words maximum*
3. Project Narrative – *600 words maximum*
4. Project Budget Request – include materials, equipment, rentals, travel, fabrication, services, related expenses, and in-kind or other contributions. Also indicate if seeking other support for this project through Maharam STEAM Fellowship, other grants, etc.
5. Supporting Materials or Work Samples – briefly describe:

    Images – *no more than 6*
    Time-based materials (optional) – *no more than 5 minutes*
    Writing sample (optional) – *no more than 1,000 words*

6. Narrative Biography (ies) – *200 words maximum*
7. *Curriculum Vitæ (s) or Résumé (s) – no more than 2 pages (per person)*
8. Letter of Support – from Graduate Program Director, Department Head, or faculty

**Important Dates**
• MON. March 20, 2017        SUBMISSION deadline for all Graduate Student Project Grants
• MON. April 17, 2017         ANNOUNCEMENT of Project Grant recipients
• MON. May 15, 2017          CHECKS sent to Grant recipients' RISD mailboxes
• MON. January 8, 2018       POST-GRANT REPORT deadline for 2017 recipients

*2017 Graduate Student Project Grant recipients are notified in writing at the time of the award about instructions to complete a Post-Grant Report representing the work completed.*

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