2010 Women’s Council Graduate Assistance Fund Award Recipients
College of Arts and Sciences

Name: Rakiya Babamaaji
Area of Study: Arts & Sciences
Major: Hydrology
Primary Degree: PhD (Interdisciplinary)
Project Title: A Fund Aid for Lake Chad Basin Research Field Work

Name: Jessica Bertine
Area of Study: Arts & Sciences
Major: Theatre
Primary Degree: MFA
Project Title: London Projection and Lighting Internship

Name: Elizabeth Duval
Area of Study: Arts & Sciences
Major: Psychology
Primary Degree: PhD (Non-Interdisciplinary)
Project Title: Using Neurological and Physiological Measures to Investigate the Neural Underpinnings of Face Processing in Social Anxiety

Name: Alysse Hotz
Area of Study: Arts & Sciences
Major: Creative Writing Poetry
Primary Degree: MFA
Project Title: Unpaid Two Month Summer Internship at Copper Canyon Press in Port Townsend, WA

Name: Kristin Huston
Area of Study: Arts & Sciences
Major: English
Primary Degree: PhD (Interdisciplinary)
Project Title: Dissertation Research Trip - New Orleans

Name: Nina Irwin
Area of Study: Arts & Sciences
Major: Art History
Primary Degree: MA
Project Title: Seventeenth-Century Cotton Printed Textiles Europe and India: The Dialogue of Designs. Funding Request for field research.
Name: Joni Lee
**Area of Study:** Arts & Sciences
**Major:** Creative Writing
**Primary Degree:** MFA
**Project Title:** Summer 2010 Copper Canyon Press Internship for Creative Writing Graduate Student

Name: Lei Liang
**Area of Study:** Arts & Sciences
**Major:** Physics
**Primary Degree:** PhD (Interdisciplinary)
**Project Title:** ab initio Calculation of Electronic Structure and Mechanical Properties of alpha- and beta-Tricalcium Phosphate

Name: Yeva Nersisyan
**Area of Study:** Arts & Sciences
**Major:** Economics
**Primary Degree:** PhD (Interdisciplinary)
**Project Title:** Research Stay at the Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

Name: Erin Olm-Shipman
**Area of Study:** Arts & Sciences
**Major:** Art History
**Primary Degree:** MA
**Project Title:** Thesis Research at the Frida Kahlo and Anahuacalli Museums in Coyoacán, Mexico

Name: Lindsey Quinn
**Area of Study:** Arts & Sciences
**Major:** English
**Primary Degree:** MA
**Project Title:** Uncovering History in England: Presenting forgotten medieval manuscripts at Leeds and researching medieval women’s literacy at the British Library, July 10-24, 2010

Name: Michele Valentine
**Area of Study:** Arts & Sciences
**Major:** Art History
**Primary Degree:** MA
**Project Title:** Presentation of the paper Shabti Production in an Egyptian Workshop for the Annual Conference of the American Research Center in Egypt scheduled for April 23-25, 2010 in Berkeley, California

Name: Madaline Walter
**Area of Study:** Arts & Sciences
**Major:** English
**Primary Degree:** PhD (Interdisciplinary)
Project Title: Presenting the paper "Students Coming Out: (In)visible Disability in the Composition Classroom" at the March 2010 Conference on College Composition and Communication:

Name: Xiaohua (Sarah) Zhou  
Area of Study: Arts & Sciences  
Major: Chemistry  
Primary Degree: PhD (Interdisciplinary)  
Project Title: Conformational Determination of Some Isocyanate Molecules Utilizing Rare Gas Solutions, Microwave, Infrared and Raman Spectroscopy

2010 Women’s Council Graduate Assistance Fund Award Recipients  
School of Biological Sciences

Name: Elizabeth Barrett  
Area of Study: Biological Sciences  
Major: Cell Biology and Biophysics  
Primary Degree: PhD (Interdisciplinary)  
Project Title: Structural and functional studies of a C-type lectin, Immuectin-2

Name: Suman Chaudhary  
Area of Study: Biological Sciences, Medicine  
Major: Bioinformatics  
Primary Degree: MS  
Project Title: A Genetic Linkage Map of Phycomyces blakesleeanus

Name: Christa Cochran  
Area of Study: Biological Sciences  
Major: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry  
Primary Degree: PhD (Interdisciplinary)  
Project Title: Travel Support for Collaborative Experiments at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Name: Ze Liu  
Area of Study: Biological Sciences  
Major: Cell Biology and Biophysics  
Primary Degree: PhD (Interdisciplinary)  
Project Title: Characterization of Ced12 Binding Candidate, Moleskin, in Muscle Development in the Fruit Fly Drosophila melanogaster

Name: Surbhi Verma  
Area of Study: Biological Sciences  
Major: Biology  
Primary Degree: PhD (Interdisciplinary)
**Project Title:** Project Title: Effect of UV light on Fungal Biology. Course Title:- Molecular Mycology: Current Approaches to Fungal Pathogenesis, Date. August 4-20, 2010

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**2010 Women’s Council Graduate Assistance Fund Award Recipients**

**School of Computing & Engineering**

**Name:** Sarah Fjell  
**Area of Study:** Computing & Engineering  
**Major:** Civil & Environmental Engineering  
**Primary Degree:** MS  
**Project Title:** Presentation at World Environmental and Water Resources Congress (May 16-20, 2010) on Operations and Maintenance of Kansas City’s Raingardens

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**2010 Women’s Council Graduate Assistance Fund Award Recipients**

**Conservatory of Music and Dance**

**Name:** Kristin Griffeath  
**Area of Study:** Conservatory  
**Major:** Voice  
**Primary Degree:** DMA  
**Project Title:** A Study of Snegurochka's Russian Arias

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**Name:** Lacy Hansen  
**Area of Study:** Conservatory  
**Major:** MA in Music Theatre and MFA in Costume Design  
**Primary Degree:** MA  
**Project Title:** Recital to Fulfill Graduate Credit

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**Name:** Alaine Hernandez  
**Area of Study:** Conservatory  
**Major:** Music Therapy  
**Primary Degree:** MA  
**Project Title:** Evaluation of a Developmentally-Based Music Therapy Assessment Tool for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

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**Name:** Gulimina Mahamuti  
**Area of Study:** Conservatory  
**Major:** Piano Performance  
**Primary Degree:** DMA  
**Project Title:** Researching and Recording Chinese Piano Compositions in Xinjiang Music Style
Name: Sophia Tegart  
**Area of Study:** Conservatory  
**Major:** Flute Performance  
**Primary Degree:** DMA  
**Project Title:** The Cortona Sessions for New Music (flute performer and participant)- June 20 through July 1 in Cortona, Italy

Name: Karen Zawacki  
**Area of Study:** Conservatory  
**Major:** Trombone  
**Primary Degree:** DMA  
**Project Title:** Educational Opportunities in the World of British Brass Bands

Name: Juan Zhou  
**Area of Study:** Conservatory  
**Major:** MUSIC COMPOSITION  
**Primary Degree:** DMA  
**Project Title:** Zhou Juan, Composition DMA student at the UMKC Conservatory will attend 2010 Staunton Music Festival and 14th annual Virginia Arts Festival.

### 2010 Women’s Council Graduate Assistance Fund Award Recipients  
**School of Dentistry**

Name: Kathrine Corum  
**Area of Study:** Dental Hygiene  
**Major:** Dental Hygiene Education  
**Primary Degree:** MS  
**Project Title:** Transportation and Stay Funding

Name: Kylie Siruta  
**Area of Study:** Dental Hygiene  
**Major:** Dental Hygiene Education  
**Primary Degree:** MS  
**Project Title:** Present my thesis project in the form of a student poster at the American Dental Hygienists' Association Annual Session in Las Vegas, Nevada; June 24-26, 2010

Name: Deanna Snitzer  
**Area of Study:** Dentistry  
**Major:** Dentistry  
**Primary Degree:** DDS  
**Project Title:** Travel to Washington DC to Present Research Project at the National Meeting of the American Association of Dental Research (AADR) March 3-6, 2009
Name: Makini King  
**Area of Study:** Education  
**Major:** Counseling Psychology  
**Primary Degree:** PhD (Non-Interdisciplinary)  
**Project Title:** I am requesting travel funding for research on The Effect of Instructor Sensitivity and Teacher Support on Sense of Belonging for African American Undergraduate Students at UMKC to be presented at the 2010 APA convention in San Diego.

Name: Sachiko Ogata  
**Area of Study:** Education  
**Major:** Counseling Psychology  
**Primary Degree:** PhD (Non-Interdisciplinary)  
**Project Title:** Proposal for traveling fund: Poster Presentation on Cross-Racial Engagement and Psychological Well-Being among Asian and Non-Asian Adolescents on March 11th to 13th, Society for Research on Adolescence Conference, Philadelphia

Name: Zhengyun Qian  
**Area of Study:** Education  
**Major:** Teaching English to the Speakers of Other Languages  
**Primary Degree:** MA  
**Project Title:** Application for grant to go to do presentation at the 2010 Annual International Conference of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Boston, Massachusetts in March 23-27, 2010.

Name: Julia Schafermeyer  
**Area of Study:** Education  
**Major:** Counseling & Guidance  
**Primary Degree:** MA  
**Project Title:** Career Development Counseling with Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence

Name: Young Song  
**Area of Study:** Education  
**Major:** Counseling Psychology  
**Primary Degree:** PhD (Non-Interdisciplinary)  
**Project Title:** Attachment, Perceived Social Support, and Psychological Well-being among Asian Americans Data collection and Poster Presentation for APA's 2010 Annual Convention

Name: Heather Trangsrud  
**Area of Study:** Education  
**Major:** Counseling Psychology
Primary Degree: PhD (Non-Interdisciplinary)
Project Title: Examination of Victim and Perpetrator Blame in Date Rape Scenarios and Exploration of Ambivalent Sexism Subtypes as Predictors of Male and Female Rape Myths among a Sample of College Students

2010 Women’s Council Graduate Assistance Fund Award Recipients
School of Medicine

Name: Suman Chaudhary
Area of Study: Biological Sciences, Medicine
Major: Bioinformatics
Primary Degree: MS
Project Title: A Genetic Linkage Map of Phycomyces blakesleeanus

Name: Tara Chilakamarri
Area of Study: Medicine
Major: Liberal Arts
Primary Degree: MD
Project Title: Poster Presentation at the Association of Academic Physiatrists Annual Conference on April 6-10, 2010.

Name: Kathleen Doo
Area of Study: Medicine
Major: Medicine
Primary Degree: MD
Project Title: Investigation on Nanoparticle induction of Mesothelioma markers in human cells in culture

Name: Kirsten Jansen
Area of Study: Medicine
Major: Medicine
Primary Degree: MD
Project Title: AAOS/RJOS Annual Meeting

Name: Anna Levin
Area of Study: Medicine
Major: Dermatology, Hair Disease
Primary Degree: MD
Project Title: Investigating the Relationship of Nutritional Deficiencies to Hair Loss

2010 Women’s Council Graduate Assistance Fund Award Recipients
School of Nursing
Name: Christine Eisenhauer  
**Area of Study:** Nursing  
**Major:** Rural Nursing  
**Primary Degree:** PhD (Non-Interdisciplinary)  
**Project Title:** Registration and travel to attend the Summer Institute Qualitative Analysis I: Empirical and Analytical Methods, presented by Dr. Margarite Sandelowski, at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, June 1-4, 2010.

Name: Sarah Llanque  
**Area of Study:** Nursing  
**Major:** Nursing, minor Gerontology  
**Primary Degree:** PhD (Non-Interdisciplinary)  
**Project Title:** An Intervention for Hispanic Caregivers of Older Adults

Name: Christine Zimmerman  
**Area of Study:** Nursing  
**Major:** Nursing  
**Primary Degree:** PhD (Non-Interdisciplinary)  
**Project Title:** The relationship between Human Patient Simulation (HPS) use in undergraduate nursing education and attrition from the nursing profession in the first two years of practice.

**2010 Women’s Council Graduate Assistance Fund Award Recipients**  
**School of Pharmacy**

Name: Gayathri Acharya  
**Area of Study:** Pharmacy  
**Major:** Pharmaceutical Sciences  
**Primary Degree:** PhD (Interdisciplinary)  
**Project Title:** Long term Nitric Oxide delivery through stents/scaffolds for the prevention of post operative complications

Name: Sarah Dodson  
**Area of Study:** Pharmacy  
**Major:** Pharmacy  
**Primary Degree:** PharmD  
**Project Title:** December 7th, 2009 American Society of Health System Pharmacists Mid-Year Clinical Meeting located in Las Vegas, NV: Presentation of Data Obtained from the UMKC Interprofessional Health Fair Osteoporosis Screening Booth

Name: Shuanghui (Susan) Luo  
**Area of Study:** Pharmacy  
**Major:** Pharmaceutical Sciences
Primary Degree: MS
Project Title: A Sensitive LC-MS/MS Assay for Quantitative Determination of Novel Prodrugs of Saquinavir from Metabolism and Pharmacokinetic Studies, Nov. 8-12, 2009

Name: Jennifer Molnar
Area of Study: Pharmacy
Major: Pharmacy
Primary Degree: PharmD
Project Title: Osteoporosis Booth Poster Presentation at American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Mid-Year Meeting in Las Vegas, NV, December 6-10, 2009

Name: Viral Tamboli
Area of Study: Pharmacy
Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
Primary Degree: PhD (Interdisciplinary)
Project Title: Novel nanoparticle based drug delivery approach for glaucoma therapy