UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY WOMEN'S COUNCIL
GRADUATE ASSISTANCE FUND
FOR GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDY

ANNOUNCEMENT

January 2003

The UMKC Women’s Council established the Graduate Assistance Fund (GAF) in 1971 to provide financial support to women currently enrolled in graduate programs or women in or approaching their final year of study in the schools of Dentistry, Law, Medicine and Pharmacy. The fund is focused on the dimension beyond the classroom and, therefore, does not fund tuition and textbooks. It is, however, designed to assist women students as they complete requirements for graduate and first professional degrees, to help facilitate studies, and to enrich and encourage educational experiences.

Each student may submit only one application per year. Students funded in previous years may apply again for opportunities not previously funded. Applications are reviewed by a committee comprised of UMKC administrators and faculty, and members of the UMKC Women’s Council. The deadline for submission is February 28, 2003.

Applications will be available after January 15, 2003. Applications will also be reviewed for exceptional merit and, at the committee’s recommendation, recipients may be awarded a merit stipend of up to an additional $1,000.

An approximate total of $73,000 will be awarded by the committee for Women’s Council Graduate Assistance Fellowships. Fellowships are merit based and reflect very well on the credentials of the recipient. An estimated 40-45 fellowships will be awarded.

The Women’s Council is very proud of the support the GAF makes available to women students and we hope you can utilize this opportunity.

Please return your application by 5 p.m., February 28, 2003 to the Women’s Council office, 300B Administrative Center, 5115 Oak Street, or mail to Women’s Council, UMKC, 5100 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110-2499.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Tally Davis in the Women’s Council Office davisc@umkc.edu or (816) 235-1565. Those persons with speech or hearing impairments may use Relay Missouri, 1-800-735-2966 (TT) or 1-800-735-2466 (Voice).

Workshops to help students with the application process will be given by Carol Tally Davis. Check for dates and times through the Women’s Council office at the Administrative Center or at the Women’s Center. Call 816-235-1565 for reservations.
Graduate Assistance Fund Fellowships:
Access and complete the form on-line at www.umkc.edu/wcouncil/gaf

Eligibility of Applicant:
Graduate Level: UMKC women graduate students in a post-baccalaureate approved program of study who have demonstrated success at the graduate level.

First Professional: Women students in the schools of Dentistry, Law, Medicine and Pharmacy. Students in Law and Dentistry must complete their degree program in 2003 or 2004 to be eligible.

Examples of Eligible Funding Requests:
• Support for research activities; scholarly activities/projects
• Travel related to applicant’s degree program (e.g., presentations, workshops, research, master classes)
• Enrichment programs directly related to student’s program of study
• Special needs requests

Ineligible Funding Requests:
• Standard textbooks and tuition
• Equipment and standard supplies for a department/school or that are routinely provided by a department/school
• Computer hardware

Selection Criteria/Considerations:
Clarity of Proposal/Project/Request
• Clear working title
• Significance or importance to applicant’s field of study
• Proposal presented in a clear, professional manner

• Purpose of research or scholarly experience
• Description of methods to achieve purpose or goals

Student Qualifications: Consideration is given as to whether the applicant has the expertise to complete the research, project or scholarly activity. Decisions are based on the application, faculty recommendations, student academic record, and how far the applicant is into her degree program.

Budget: Budget items should be justified, prioritized, and appropriate to the request. Explain any item that could be questioned (e.g., supplies) or does not have an obvious purpose (e.g., air fare).

Extemporaneous Circumstances: If there are circumstances impacting your graduate study, please briefly explain them in the section provided. Examples could include financial hardships, family issues, divorce or physical limitations.

Annual Application and Selection Time Line:
• February 28, 2003 - Deadline for applications to Women’s Council
• April 4, 2003 – Committee selects recipients
• Week of April 14 – Applicants are notified of committee decisions
• May 14, 2003 – Recipients honored at Women’s Council Luncheon and awards presented

Immediate Aid Grants: A limited amount of the Graduate Assistance Fund is set aside annually to provide assistance to students that have an immediate need that cannot wait for the regular Fellowship process. These funds most often provide travel assistance to present a paper or to do specific research and are often matched by Graduate Studies. Amounts awarded vary, but usually are between $100-$500. Applications can be obtained from Graduate Studies or the Women’s Council Office, 3rd Floor, Administrative Center, 5115 Oak Street, during regular business hours, or through the Women’s Council’s web page, www.umkc.edu/wcouncil/gaf. These funds are available after July 1 each year and until designated funds are depleted.
University of Missouri-Kansas City Women's Council Graduate Assistance Fund For Graduate and Professional Study

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

ONLY ONE APPLICATION ACCEPTED PER STUDENT. TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT
Form available on Web site: http://www.umkc.edu/wcouncil/gaf. Print and provide hard copy or pick up form and return typed copy.

A. Applicant Name _____

Title of Proposal _____

Soc. Sec. No. _____ Day Phone (_____ ) Evening Phone (_____ )

Local Address (City, State, ZIP) _____

Permanent Address (City, State, ZIP) _____

E-mail Address _____ Is e-mail a dependable way to reach you? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Please Indicate Area(s) of Study:

[ ] Arts & Sciences [ ] Biological Sciences [ ] Business & Public Admin.
[ ] Computing & Engineering [ ] Conservatory [ ] Dental Hygiene
[ ] Dentistry [ ] Education [ ] Graduate Studies
[ ] Law [ ] Medicine [ ] Nursing
[ ] Pharmacy

Please Indicate Degree Sought:

[ ] EdD [ ] DMA [ ] Ed Spec [ ] MSW [ ] M SN [ ] MALS
[ ] PhD (Interdisciplinary) [ ] PhD (Non-interdisciplinary)

1st Professional: [ ] JD [ ] MD [ ] DDS [ ] PharmD

Major/Area of Emphasis (e.g., Music Education, Counseling and Psychology, etc.) _____ _____

Interdisciplinary Emphasis 1. _____ 2. _____

Cumulative Graduate GPA _____

Total Program Hours Required _____

Hours Completed to Date _____

Current Hours Enrolled _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Office Use Only
Date Rec’d. __________________
1st Rec. Ltr. ________________
2nd Rec. Ltr. ________________
B. **Title and Purpose of Proposal**
   1. Title: 
   2. Brief Statement of Purpose: 

C. **Additional Proposal Information**
   1. Is the proposal part of your thesis or dissertation research? □ Yes □ No
   2. Does the proposal fulfill a requirement for your degree? □ Yes □ No
      a. If yes to 1 or 2, has your supervisory committee approved the proposal? □ Yes □ No
      b. Does your proposal require approval by the Institutional Review Board? □ Yes □ No
      c. If yes, have you obtained approval? □ Yes □ No
      d. If you need approval and have not received it, when will you hear? □ Yes □ No
   3. If your proposal involves presenting at a specific program or conference, have you or your work been accepted? □ Yes □ No
      If acceptance is pending, when do you expect to hear? 
      *(We must know as soon as possible whether or not you have been accepted.)*

D. **Amount Requested** (not to exceed $2,000) $ 
   (**NOTE:** GAF awards do not pay for standard tuition or textbooks.)
   1. Total budget actually required for you to complete your proposal $ 
   2. Has your academic unit/department committed any funds for this proposal? □ Yes □ No
      If yes, how much? $ 
   3. Is your work on this proposal part of funded faculty research? □ Yes □ No
      If yes, please justify your request for additional funding.

E. **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation from UMKC faculty/adjunct faculty members (current or prior) who have taught you at your current level are required. After obtaining faculty consent, present to each faculty member one of the enclosed faculty information sheets.
   **NOTE:** These faculty recommendation letters are an essential part of the selection process.

   Please provide name, campus phone number, and e-mail of the two faculty.
   1. Faculty Name _____ Campus Phone No. _____ 
      E-mail _____ 
      □ Letters are attached □ Letters are to be mailed by faculty
   2. Faculty Name _____ Campus Phone No. _____ 
      E-mail _____ 
      □ Letters are attached □ Letters are to be mailed by faculty

F. **Signature of Dean, Assistant Dean, or Department/Division Chair (Required)**
   I have read the above information concerning department/division resources available to the student and I confirm its accuracy.

   Name (print) __________________________
   Signature ___________________________ Title __________________________
PART II: GAF FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

A. Proposal

Within two typewritten or printed pages, please provide the following information:
1. Title and purpose.
2. How you plan to use the funding. (This is an opportunity to clarify your budget.)
3. A summary of your proposal in lay terms.
4. The relevance of this proposal to your educational goals (especially important if your proposal is not required for your degree).
5. A brief explanation of why you are seeking a graduate degree.

NOTE: Please use short paragraphs, lists where relevant, and clear headings. Additionally, please include a brief explanation of tools, instruments, locations, or events that may not be obvious to volunteer lay readers.

B. Budget

Itemize and justify the budget for your proposal, not for the total proposal cost. Please list items in order of priority and be as specific as possible. (For example, confirm travel and housing costs.) You may use an additional page if necessary.

1. _____ $ _____
2. _____ $ _____
3. _____ $ _____
4. _____ $ _____
5. _____ $ _____
6. _____ $ _____

Total Requested: $ _____ (not to exceed $2,000)

C. If you do not receive the amount you requested, what challenges will you face in funding or completing the proposal? (This could include challenges relating to health, family, income, etc., that could impact your ability to self fund or access other funding.)

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PART III: APPLICATION CHECK LIST

To be considered, your application must be complete. Please review this check list carefully.

A. All applications must include the following:

☐ Part I: General Information  I have completed and signed all segments.

☐ Part II: GAF Fellowship Application  I have completed with no more than two additional pages of Proposal description and one additional page of budget justification.

☐ Part III: Application Check List  I have read and signed my applicant statement below.

☐ Letters of Recommendation  I have asked two UMKC graduate faculty to submit letters of recommendation. I have provided a copy of my application to each faculty member so she/he can attest to my budget, project and need.

B. Applicant Statement

I understand that an official transcript is required and that the Graduate Studies office will request it from the UMKC Registrar’s office - at no cost to me. My signature on this application will authorize release of my transcript for committee use only and will be held in strict confidence. The office of Graduate Studies has my permission to request an official transcript from the UMKC Registrar.

I understand that the information in item C on Page 5 will be used to help determine my eligibility for a particular award and will provide useful statistical data.

C. I hereby certify that if I am granted a Graduate Achievement Fellowship I will use it for the purposes indicated herein. I understand that I am to submit a brief report to the UMKC Women's Council upon the completion of the proposal for which the award is being made.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date: _____
PART IV: GENERAL AND AWARD MATCHING INFORMATION

On the average, 40 to 45 awards are given each year to women in all disciplines of graduate and professional study at UMKC. In addition to the general Women's Council fellowships, there are fellowships to support many areas of study. These include, but are not limited to, fellowships for students in:

- Arts & Sciences
- Art & Art History
- Business & Public Admin.
- Conservatory
- Dental Hygiene
- Research or projects related to family issues, women's issues, or family developmental psychology
- Research or projects with an international focus
- Dentistry
- Education
- Interdisciplinary Ph.D.
- Law
- Medicine
- Music Education
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
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The following information will help the Women's Council determine your eligibility for particular awards, report the support provided, and collect data to support fund raising and grant requests.

A. Previous Requests for Funding

1. Have you previously applied for funding from the Women's Council?  
   ☐ No ☐ Yes, Year _____
2. Have you received funding from the Women's Council?  
   ☐ No ☐ Yes, Year _____
3. If you have received funding, how much did you receive and how did you use it?
   a. Did you complete and submit a report to Women's Council?  
      ☐ Yes ☐ No (Required to be considered for another award.)

B. Employment

Are you employed?  ☐ No ☐ Yes  Employment Level:  ☐ Management  ☐ Professional  ☐ Clerical  ☐ Other _____
If yes, hours per week _____

C. Demographic Information (Optional)

This information will help the Women's Council build data to obtain gifts and grants as well as to identify recipients eligible for awards designated for specific ethnic groups.

2. ☐ Citizen  ☐ Resident Alien  ☐ Non-resident Alien
3. Age _____  Marital Status:  ☐ Married  ☐ Single  ☐ Divorced  ☐ Separated  ☐ Head of Household

D. ☐ I would be willing to speak on behalf of the Women's Council to promote giving to the Graduate Assistance Fund.

Signature
Please provide this letter to the UMKC faculty member selected to prepare your letter of recommendation at least three (3) weeks before the deadline. Applications cannot be considered without the faculty letter of support. Due February 28, 2003 to Carol Tally Davis (see contact info below).

January 2003

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FROM:   UMKC Women’s Council
        GAF Fellowship Selection Committee

RE:   Student Letter of Recommendation for GAF Fellowship

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Your letter must be typed, and include with your comments as much of the following information as possible:

• Quality of the student’s academic work
• Estimate of her project’s value to her field of study
• Importance of proposal to student’s success
• If project requires IRB approval, has not yet been approved, how likely is it to be approved?
• Comments on proposed budget (Can anything be eliminated?)
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• Indication of your advisory role with this applicant (supervisory committee chair or member, instructor, etc.)

With the increased number of applications, the review process is very competitive. If you do not feel you can recommend a student or if you cannot give adequate time to writing a letter, please ask her to contact another faculty member. The faculty letters are a very important component of the application. We appreciate your taking your responsibility seriously, as the student’s selection for an award may depend on your letter.

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Again, thank you for your support.

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