

## MASTER'S THESIS RESEARCH AWARDS

**Purpose:** To provide funds for master's students to conduct or enhance their thesis research projects. (**Note:** It is assumed that the proposed research will be completed within 12 months and published in a peer-reviewed journal with acknowledgment of this award).

**Eligibility:** Master's students in the College of Human Ecology who have had their thesis proposal approved by their major adviser.

**Use of Funds:** Recipients may receive up to \$1,000 to pay for research supplies, reagents, travel to conduct the research, payment to human subjects, and payroll for undergraduate or statistical research assistants. **The funds cannot be used for expenses that have already been incurred, travel to a professional meeting, or recipient's salary.**

**Application Instructions:** The applicant must submit an application which includes **a)** the cover page (included in this instruction), **b)** a brief proposal (no more than three double-spaced pages), **c)** a detailed budget (no more than one page), **d)** a current CV, and **e)** a letter of recommendation from your thesis adviser.

The **proposal** should include:

- An introduction outlining the need for the project, as well as the purpose/hypotheses/research questions
- A brief description of the project's methodology
- A description of the importance of the project to the applicant's field and his/her scholarly development including anticipated outcomes
- References (Please limit to those supporting your research idea or innovation and methodological contributions)

**Note:** The proposal should be written in a manner where individuals in other disciplines can understand and appreciate the proposed project.

The **budget** should include:

- An itemized budget (**Note:** If the budget exceeds \$1,000, please identify your other sources of funding)
- A budget justification including a statement describing how the funds will improve your thesis

**Deadlines:** Applications need to be submitted electronically to Michelle Toews ([MLToews@ksu.edu](mailto:MLToews@ksu.edu)) no later than October 15 for Fall semester and March 15 for Spring semester. A committee representing faculty of the College of Human Ecology will review the applications and make recommendations for funding to the Dean of the College. **Note:** The number of awards will vary by semester based on the quality of applications and the availability of funds.

**Cover Page**  
**Application for Master's Thesis Research Award**

**APPLICANT'S NAME:**

**DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL:**

**THESIS ADVISER:**

**ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE:**

**WORKING TITLE OF THESIS:**

**SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSED PROJECT (100 words or less):**

**THESIS ADVISER'S SIGNATURE AND DATE:**

By signing below, I attest the applicant has successfully defended his/her thesis proposal.

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Thesis Adviser's Signature

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Date

**DEPARTMENT HEAD OR SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE AND DATE:**

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Department Head/School Director's Signature

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Date