

Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society

Duke University Chapter

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First Annual Duke University Sigma Xi Mini-Grant Competition

The Duke University Chapter of Sigma Xi (The Scientific Research Society) invites applications for two graduate student mini-grants to support research expenses not covered by the National Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid program. Two awards of \$500 will be offered. Eligible expenses include computer software, basic lab supplies, educational programs (such as courses at outside institutions), and manuscript preparation/publication costs. It is not necessary to be a member of Sigma Xi to apply, though students who are members or whose primary advisor is a member will be given preference. Any graduate student in the physical, natural, or social sciences is invited to apply.

Applications should be in the form of a one-page proposal (one inch margins, 12 point font), not including references. Provide a broad description of the project, summarize research methods, and explain the relevance of the funding requested to the project's accomplishment. Proposals should be written to a general audience, since the review committee will include researchers from diverse disciplines. In addition to this proposal, provide an itemized budget showing how the funding will be used. Include in the budget a list of other sources (current and pending) to which you have applied for research funding, with the decision dates of those awards. Indicate whether you have previously received a Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid. Funding requests for expenses eligible for the National Grant-in-Aid program will not be considered; see <http://www.sigmaxi.org/programs/giar/guide.shtml> for a complete list.

In addition to the one page proposal and budget, the application should have a cover page that includes your name, your department, your project title, the amount of funding requested, your preferred mailing address and email address, and your and/or your advisor's Sigma Xi membership number (if any). The application package should also include your C.V. and a letter of recommendation from your principal advisor. Reference letters should be submitted in sealed envelopes with the signature of the advisor across the seal. Submit three (3) hard copies of applications and supporting materials in a single package to **Duke University Sigma Xi, Box 90834** (mailbox is in the Office of Student Activities and Facilities, 101 Bryan Center). No electronic copies of any application materials will be accepted. Please direct all questions to sigmaxi@duke.edu with the grant title in the subject line.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 3 AT 5:00 PM.

Awards will be announced by April 15. One year after receipt of the award, recipients should submit a letter to the Duke Chapter of Sigma Xi reporting results of the research accomplished with this funding.