Following a successful launch in 2018, the Graduate School is pleased to again offer a grant to support graduate students who wish to communicate the results of their research and scholarship to non-academic audiences. The outreach and communication activities supported by this grant will both engage new populations with the research and scholarship done by UGA graduate students and provide opportunities for our students to develop and practice skills that will serve them in a range of careers. Activities may include, but are not limited to, school demonstrations, public presentations, game or video development, podcast recording, or creation of a smart phone app.

The funds may be used for equipment (not to exceed $499.99 total cost), supplies, travel, and other operating costs associated with your outreach or communication activities. Funds may not be used for stipend or salary – all expenses must be operating expenses rather than personal services. All funds will need to be spent in Fiscal Year 2019, in accordance with guidelines for state funds. No funds can be spent or carried forward beyond FY2019.

Each recipient will work with the business office in their department to make the necessary arrangements for using the grant funds by the end of the fiscal year. Please confirm your plans with your business office BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION.

Eligibility:

- Enrolled in a graduate program administered by the Graduate School
- Conducting outreach or engaging in efforts to communicate findings resulting from master’s or dissertation research
- Enrolled as a full-time student during the Spring 2019 semester
- In good academic standing and making satisfactory progress toward degree

Limits: There is no limit on the number of applications a program can submit.

Application deadline: The application deadline is February 28, 2019 at 11:59 pm.

Application materials:

1. Description of the proposed activity (not to exceed 2 single-spaced pages). References are included in the 2-page limit. Please include the importance of communicating your work, your target audience, your communication or outreach objectives, your plans for meeting those objectives, and how you will assess your communication or outreach efforts. Please also indicate how this grant would help you develop or sharpen your communication skills. If applicable, please indicate whether you have secured any permissions or access that may be necessary.

2. Budget for outreach or communication activities (not to exceed 1 page). The budget is limited to a maximum request of $1,500. Also include other funding, both UGA and
external sources, you have for your planned activity.

3. Curriculum vita (not to exceed 3 pages).
4. Letter of support from your major professor or other faculty member who will supervise your outreach or communication activities (not to exceed 2 pages). If your research involves potentially sensitive information or intellectual property, this letter should be from your major professor and should indicate that you have permission to do the outreach or communication activities you have outlined.

Applications that fail to follow the guidelines above – including page limits – will not be reviewed.

When and where to submit: All application materials should be uploaded by the Graduate Coordinator to http://gradstatus.uga.edu. The deadline for submission is February 28, 2019 at 11:59 pm.

Reporting:
A report (not to exceed 2 pages) that explains the activities undertaken and their impact should be sent to the Dean of the Graduate School (graddean@uga.edu) by September 30, 2019. The report should be reviewed and signed by the major professor. Failure to complete a report will make students ineligible for subsequent funding in this competition.