

GRADUATE STUDENT DEGREE ACCELERATOR

The Graduate Student Degree Accelerator Award was created by President Jere Morehead to help graduate students overcome financial challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic to complete their degrees in a timely manner. Students may apply for up to \$5,000 to defray expenses associated with their graduate education. Awards from the Graduate Student Degree Accelerator Fund will be based on evidence that the use of these funds will advance each applicant toward the completion of their degree.

Eligibility

- Master's and doctoral students
- Full-time students in good academic standing
- Preference will be given to students in the latter stages of their academic programs

Application Requirements

Students will apply through the Graduate School's **GradStatus** system and will be asked for the following:

- Basic information including Name, 81x number, Academic Program, Degree Level, Term of Entry, and Term of Expected Graduation
- The names and UGA email addresses of their major professor / faculty advisor (or department head for students in non-thesis programs in which the graduate coordinator serves as the faculty advisor for all students)
- Amount requested and justification for this amount (up to \$5,000)
- Short explanation of how the award would help ensure timely degree completion
- What other forms of financial support the student currently receives

Departmental Approval

After the student submits the application, the Graduate Coordinator will be notified by GradStatus. The workflow will be similar to that of the Program of Study form, and the Graduate Coordinator will be asked to either a) approve the application and assign to the major professor / faculty advisor for approval, or b) deny the application.

The major professor / faculty advisor will then receive an email from GradStatus asking them to approve or deny the application. Applications supported by both the Graduate Coordinator and the Major Professor will be considered by the Graduate School. There is no limit to the number of applications a department may approve / support.

All steps, **INCLUDING DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL BY BOTH THE GRADUATE COORDINATOR AND MAJOR PROFESSOR**, must be completed before the application can be considered.

The initial deadline for consideration is **Friday, April 16th at 11:59pm**. Applications received after this time will only be considered if funds remain after the initial disbursement.



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