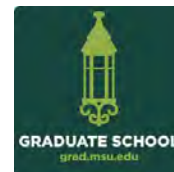


Michigan State University

ORED Scholar Award



Program Background

A feature of the MSU Graduate Scholar Learning Community is once-monthly meetings that foster dialogue across disciplines and promote fellowship among peers, while also sharing information key to success in graduate training and beyond. The Graduate School at MSU announces the availability of the ORES Scholar Award of \$2000. Award recipients in good standing will be eligible to apply each year.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Eligibility begins in year two (2) of the Master's or Doctoral Program
- A full-time graduate student in good standing in a STEM or SBE graduate program at MSU
- Demonstrated commitment to ORES goals, and participation in the MSU Graduate Scholar Learning Community and Community activities for at **least one (1) year before applying, including attendance of at least 3 Learning Community meetings within the current or previous academic year**
- Has submitted a brief for the GSLC Science Today Bulletin:
grad.msu.edu/ORED/ScienceTodayBulletin
- Be enrolled in at least one (1) graduate credit in the semester of the award.
- Have not received an ORES scholar award previously in the current academic or calendar year.
- Note: each scholar is limited to a maximum of four (4) awards over their academic career at MSU

Award Details:

- Limit of \$2,000/year (up to four (4) awards) with any possible combination of travel and professional development (including books, society memberships, software, laptops)
- Awardees are able to apply for all other types of funding provided by The Graduate School at MSU
- **A brief written summary of the activities supported by the award is required, as well as a brief oral report to the MSU Graduate Scholar Learning Community**

Selection Criteria:

- Current and active participation in the MSU Graduate Scholar Learning Community
- Merit of the proposed activities (including how it relates to preparing the candidate for the professoriate)
- Letter of recommendation/nomination by the major research advisor.

Additional Application Materials:

- Detailed proposal of professional travel and/or professional development activities to be supported by the award
- Detailed budget of how the award will be used
- A narrative (500-word limit) about the applicant's participation in MSU GSLC activities
- Letter of recommendation from the faculty advisor or a pertinent faculty member

Application Process and Due Date: Complete and submit a *ORED Scholar Award Application* in its entirety by **October 20, 2026 at 5 pm EST**. **Letters of recommendation need to be mailed or emailed separately.** We will not accept applications after the due date. Application packets describing activities that prepare the candidate for the professoriate will be given funding priority. All application materials should be submitted together in one (1) packet and the packets should be returned to The Graduate School via email. Email materials to **Bonnie Wigman** at **wigman@msu.edu**.



Michigan State University ORESD Scholar Award Application

The Graduate School

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Date: _____

(Please TYPE)

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student Name: _____ Student PID: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
Department: _____ College: _____
U.S. Citizen: Yes ☐ No ☐ Permanent Resident: Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

NOMINATING FACULTY: (please include letter of nomination)

Name: _____ Position: _____
Department: _____ College: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
Phone Number: _____

(Print) Nominating Faculty

(Signature) Nominating Faculty

Date

DEPARTMENTAL ENDORSEMENT:

The above student is making satisfactory progress towards his/her degree.

(Print) Department Chair

(Signature) Department Chair

Date

STUDENT CERTIFICATION:

I certify that all information provided is accurate, correct and complete.

(Print) Student

(Signature) Student

Date

Graduate School Use Only

Semester: FS Award: _____ Decline: _____ Amount Awarded: \$ _____

Initials: _____