**Dean’s Research Scholarship Award Application and Instructions**

The Dean of McGovern Medical School at UTHealth has provided up to five scholarships ranging from $1,500 - $3,000 to recognize post-candidacy GSBS students in good academic standing, who have achieved distinction in biomedical research. The deadline to submit applications is **April 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Eligibility: This award is open to GSBS students with advisors who are members of the McGovern Medical School faculty.**

* These scholarships are considered supplements to the standard GRA stipend.
* Students must have successfully advanced to Ph.D. candidacy prior to the application deadline **(April 1, 2021).**
* Students who have previously received this award are not eligible.
* Members of the Graduate Student Education Committee (GSEC) will review the applications and select the top five awardees. These students will present their work at the Virtual GSEC Research Symposium on April 14, 2021.

**To compete for the Dean’s Research Award, please submit the following before 5:00 p.m., April 1, 2021 in the following order:**

* 1. **A** **cover page** (see format below).
  2. **A curriculum vitae** (no page limit). Please do **not** submit an NIH style biosketch.
  3. **A lay abstract/summary (two-page maximum)** that can be understood by an undergraduate or a person without specialized training in your discipline. This abstract should give an overview of your research, and must clearly articulate the significance and novelty of your work. The **readability** of your abstract should score between 13-18 (Flesch-Kinkaid Grade Level). To obtain the readability score of your lay summary in Microsoft Word, select the following in an open document:
     1. File
     2. Options
     3. Proofing
     4. Under the “When correcting spelling and grammar section, check “show readability statistics”.
     5. Under writing style, select “Grammar and Style”
     6. Perform a Spelling and grammar check
  4. **Research abstract (one page maximum**), aimed at a specialist, highlighting the significance and innovation of your research.
  5. **Two letters of recommendation** from faculty who know you well. **Faculty should send signed letters of recommendation in .pdf format directly to** [**ms.graduateeducation@uth.tmc.edu**](mailto:ms.graduateeducation@uth.tmc.edu) **by April 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Combine requested items from (1 – 4) into a single .pdf file** and submit **to** [**ms.graduateeducation@uth.tmc.edu**](mailto:ms.graduateeducation@uth.tmc.edu)by the required deadline.

**Dean’s Research Scholarship Cover Page**

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| **Applicant Name:** |  |
| **Advisor Name and Medical School Department Affiliation:** |  |
| **Applicant Program Affiliation:** |  |
| **Date Entered Candidacy:** |  |
| **Expected Graduation Date:** |  |
| **Flesch-Kincaid Grade level of lay summary** |  |