

**The Virginia Vivian Graduate Student Research Award
The T. Kline Hamilton Graduate Student Research Award
Request for Applications (2009)**

The Graduate Studies Committee of the Department of Human Nutrition is pleased to announce a research grant competition for the Virginia M. Vivian Endowment Fund for Graduate Student Research in Human Nutrition and the T.Kline Hamilton Graduate Student Research Award for Graduate Student Research on Nutritional Aspects of Dairy Products.

Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled in good standing in the graduate program in Human Nutrition (proposals from OSUN students will be eligible only if the faculty advisor is a regular faculty member of the Department of Human Nutrition).

Funds Available

It is anticipated that funds in the amount of approximately \$4,000 will be available to award the current RFA period. Vivian Endowment funds will be used for graduate student research in any area of nutrition. The T. Kline Hamilton Award is limited to research on any nutritional aspects of dairy products. Individual awards will be limited to no more than \$2,000; however requests for smaller amounts are encouraged.

Application Guidelines

1. **Cover Sheet:** Include the name, address, telephone, and email address of the applicant, as well as the title of the proposal and the faculty advisor's name and signature.
2. **CV:** Provide a CV that includes education, research and relevant work experience, teaching experience, honors and awards, professional activities, publications, and professional presentations.
3. **Research Proposal (3 page limit)**
Background, Rationale and Hypothesis: Provide rationale for relevant literature and/or preliminary data, as well as a hypothesis and the objective of your proposal. Include the significance of addressing the proposed hypothesis.
Research Plan: Detail the specific aims designed to address the hypothesis including details of the research methodology that will be used to accomplish each aim. Include an anticipated time frame for completion of the research.
References: Provide references for literature cited in the Research Proposal.
4. **Budget:** Include specific items for which you are seeking support and the approximate cost of each item. Briefly justify the necessity of individual items costing more than \$500.
5. **Other Support:** Identify additional sources of funding for the applicant's thesis or dissertation project and stipend. *Matching funds from the advisor is required and must be indicated on the budget page.*

Submission of Applications

Complete proposals must be submitted to Dr. Lydia Medeiros, Chair Graduate Studies Committee, CM 313A, no later than May 1, 2009.

Review of Applications

Complete applications will be reviewed by the Graduate Studies Committee. Graduate Committee members will excuse themselves from review of applications submitted by their advisees, and ad hoc reviewers will be retained if necessary to ensure review of each application by a minimum of three faculty members. Scores will be assigned for each application using a 1-5 scale, and a brief written review will be provided to all students. Research plans will be scored based on scientific merit as determined by provision of adequate rationale, the significance and validity of the hypothesis, and the appropriateness of the specific aims and research methodologies. Preference will be given to applications proposing student-initiated studies that compliment but do not duplicate research already funded by the faculty advisor. In the case of tied scores, applicants who have not previously received an award from this fund will be given preference. These awards are not intended to fund the entire thesis project; therefore evidence of sufficient funds from other sources for stipend and thesis project support is a prerequisite for approval of an application.

Successful Applicants will be notified promptly and awards will be made available at the start of Summer Quarter, 2009. Funding is for one year only and the proposed research must be completed within that time frame (can be shorter). A final report (which can be part of the applicant's thesis) is required at the completion of the research.