The purpose of this grant is to facilitate graduate student research by providing funding for major projects, particularly thesis or dissertation studies, that are not otherwise funded.

To be eligible for the grant, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Graduate student in good standing
- 2. Proposed study is not funded by some external (i.e., R36, F31, faculty advisor's grant) source
- 3. Proposed study has been approved by the faculty advisor (see details below).

The format of the application is based on current guidelines for NIH applications. All applications must include the following components (<u>3 pages maximum, single spaced, 11 pt. font, 1 inch margins</u>):

- 1. <u>Significance:</u> Does this project address an important problem or barrier to progress in the field? How will scientific knowledge and/or clinical practice be improved?
- 2. <u>Innovation</u>: Will the application shift current research or clinical practice paradigms by using novel theoretical concepts, approaches, instrumentation, or interventions?
- 3. <u>Approach:</u> Participants, design/methods, measures, and analysis plan, including proposed timeline for completing the project
- 4. <u>Justification of need:</u> How is this grant necessary for completing this research? In what ways will this grant improve or facilitate the research project?

In addition to the 3 page application, applicants must also include a <u>detailed budget</u> (1 page), an <u>abstract</u> (no longer than 30 lines of text) with 5 keywords, and a <u>statement of support</u> from the faculty advisor indicating approval of the project/idea (if not yet approved by a full thesis or dissertation committee).

To submit an application, please e-mail all required documents in one complete file to Dr. Kim L. Gratz at kim.gratz@utoledo.edu. Deadline is 5 pm (EST) February 1, 2019.

Any questions about the award or application process can be sent to Dr. Gratz.