

GSAS RESEARCH AND TRAVEL ENDOWMENT

Objective:

The GSAS Research and Travel Endowment was established by the 2002-03 Graduate Student Association Senate (GSAS) to fund graduate students enrolled in the Cratis D. Williams Graduate School. Currently GSAS awards approximately \$9500 in research and travel grants on a competitive basis using money allocated from student activity fees. The interest from the Research and Travel Endowment will be used expand the funding available to graduate students for research and travel to scholarly conferences.

Challenges:

The advantages of obtaining an advanced degree at a master's institution such as Appalachian State University include a marked dedication to quality instruction for all students and a more intimate relationship with both the faculty and fellow students. However, the number of faculty who obtain external funding and the funds from department budgets that can be used to support graduate student research are small. Graduate students are all actively involved research, and many require funding for the advancement of their project proposals. In addition, graduate students must find funding to travel to professional conferences and symposiums in order to stay at the forefront of their field of study. The competition for internal and external funding is fierce and can be a daunting challenge for anyone.

Contributing to the Endowment:

GSAS is seeking endowment contributions of all sizes to support graduate students in their scholastic activities. In the last six years over \$10,000 has been raised. Persons interested in contributing may write checks or money orders to the Appalachian Foundation. Please send contributions to the Graduate School (ASU Box 32068; Boone, NC 28608), using the form below or with a note stating that the funds are being donated to the GSAS Research and Travel Endowment (#94128). Donation levels are as follows:

Individual: \$25
Bronze: \$50
Silver: \$100
Gold: \$250
Platinum: \$500
Diamond: \$1,000
Naming: \$5,000

Cratis D. Williams Graduate School
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Name _____

The enclosed donation in the amount of _____ is for the Graduate Student Association Senate Research and Travel Endowment (#94128).

Please make checks or money order payable to the Appalachian Foundation.

The present and future graduate students of Appalachian State thank you for your donation!