

# Russell G. Hamilton

## Graduate Leadership Institute

### Spring 2024 Dissertation Enhancement Grant

**Nature of the Grant:** Dissertation Enhancement Grants are awards of up to \$2,000 for research expenses related to a student's doctoral thesis. Grants are designed for Ph.D. Students with outstanding potential to accelerate progress on their research, adding depth or breadth to their dissertation. They are granted on a competitive basis.

These awards are not a substitute for, nor a supplement to, graduate stipends, and they may not be used to fund credit-bearing coursework. Award funds will either be provided directly to vendors via the Oracle procurement system or will be dispersed directly to the award recipient.

Students may request awards of up to \$2,000; however, the GLI may not grant the full sum requested by every successful applicant. The degree of need demonstrated by the proposal, the number of successful applications, and the total available funds will be considered when determining final awards.

#### Eligibility:

- Preference will be given to Ph.D. candidates engaged in full-time dissertation research. ***However, all Ph.D. students in good academic standing who have completed one full academic year in the Graduate School at the time of application are eligible to apply.***
- Grant funds must be used, and proposed research activities must be completed between **January 1, 2024, and July 31, 2024.**
- Students are allowed one GLI Dissertation Enhancement Grant per academic year and may receive this award no more than twice during their career at Vanderbilt.

**NOTE:** We ask that students be responsible stewards of GLI resources. Students who apply for the grant must be prepared to use the funds as proposed. If the awardee cannot move forward with the proposed activities, they must notify the GLI immediately. Recipients who fail to use their funding, barring extenuating circumstances, will be ineligible for future GLI Dissertation Enhancement Grants.

**Application Launch: Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

**Application Deadline: Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.**

Application link available at [gradschool.vanderbilt.edu/gli/deg/](https://gradschool.vanderbilt.edu/gli/deg/)

#### Application Materials:

1. **Description of Dissertation Research:** Present a succinct overview of your research that clearly conveys its nature and importance. Be certain to describe your project so reviewers outside your discipline are able to evaluate your proposal. 2-page max.
2. **Enhancement Rationale:** Specifically state how funds will be used, clearly describing how the proposed work will add additional depth, breadth, or otherwise enhance your dissertation. 2-page max.
3. **Budget & Justification of Cost:** Outline in detail the costs to complete the proposed work as well as a brief justification for why funds are not readily available from other sources (i.e., advisor's research grant, department, etc.). If the cost of the project exceeds \$2000, state how the extra cost will be met. Please justify any unusual budget items (large amounts of computer time, personnel costs, etc.).
5. **Letter of Support:** A letter of support from a faculty member who will supervise the proposed research or who is familiar with your research.

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