



Emerging Scientist Grant

Our graduate students and their mentors make invaluable contributions to the research mission of the College of Health Sciences (CHS). To that end, the Office of Research and Scholarship has established the **Emerging Scientist Grant**.

This award is designed to recognize and support outstanding PhD students in the early stages of their studies. It will provide funds to assist with research supplies and/or travel and one year of tuition funding, which the faculty mentor can then reinvest into their research.

Award

Successful applicants will have their tuition paid for one academic year and receive a one-time \$2000 stipend. This stipend can be used on research supplies for their project and/or travel to a professional meeting. The period of the award is one year and is nonrenewable.

Selection Criteria

The applicant must be accepted to graduate school to pursue a PhD, actively working with a CHS faculty member, and show career promise in biomedical research. Applicants will be considered who are in any PhD program offered by the University of Kentucky. The award is designed to provide early support for rising PhD students and aid one year of the pre-proposal phase of studies. Therefore, the letter of support from the faculty sponsor must, in part, attest that the student will not be proposing their dissertation during the one-year reward period.

Submission Guidelines

The applicant must submit a CV, and a one-page supplemental letter describing their research interests/career goals and plans. The mentor must submit a one-page letter of nomination. The mentor will be responsible for all other costs such as the benefits, the monthly stipend, and the subsequent years of funding needed. The nomination letter must provide written assurance for sources of funding for subsequent years after the award period. Failure to provide this documentation and address the requirements by the mentor will result in the application being administratively withdrawn without review. Letters are to be size 12 Arial font, and no less than ½ margins.

Evaluations

After an initial screening for completion, applications will be evaluated by the Research Advisory Council (RAC). Nominating mentors that serve on the RAC will be excused from the reviewing process. Following the review there will be an additional administrative review by the ADR and CHS business office.

Deadline

All materials should be **Monday, June 2, 2025, by 5pm**. Please submit all materials in a single .pdf to Olivia Brown (oliviabrown1@uky.edu).