

Pioneer Student Research Grants

To encourage graduate students to pursue cutting-edge research projects, Pioneer has provided a generous annual \$1,000 fund each to support students' needs for traveling for field trips or academic conferences and/or in purchasing data, software, and/or hardware for their research. Certificate, master's, and Ph.D. students, domestic or international, are eligible to apply for the grants to support their workshop, master's project or thesis, or dissertation research. These grants are intended to increase student interest in research projects, and prepare them for solving challenging real world problems in their future workplaces.

The recipient must be an existing certificate, master's, or Ph.D. student in the GIS program, and must be working on a project that uses GIS as part of his/her graduate research. A minimum GPA of 3.5 is required to apply for the grant. This research fund will be available for the upcoming academic year (i.e., upcoming summer, fall, and spring semesters), but only while the recipient is enrolled in the GIS Program as a certificate or graduate student. Selection shall be weighted heavily on the strength of the thesis research and proposal.

An application for a scholarship **MUST** include:

1. This scholarship application form, completed in full and signed.
2. A current Academic Transcript.
3. The names of two college faculty members willing to serve as references.

All students who are awarded this scholarship MUST sign a 3rd Party Release of Information, in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), allowing UT Dallas/Donor to use application material for scholarship purposes. This form will be provided with the award letter.

Only COMPLETE applications received prior to the posted deadline will be considered. An applicant will receive a decision notification by mail and/or email. **Completed applications should be turned into the GIS Program Head, Dr. Yongwan Chun (ywchun@utdallas.edu).**

Please complete the following:

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

I.D. Number

Local Street Address

City

State

Zip

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Home Phone

Work Phone

Email address

Citizenship: [] US Citizen [] U.S. Permanent Resident [] Student Visa

Project Proposal

Please complete and include a statement telling us how much grant you need, and why you feel you should receive this grant. Discuss in detail how the proposed funds will be used in your GIS research (up to 5 pages).

Include the scholarship name and your name on your narrative page.

UTD Academic Demographic Information

Current Academic Level: [] Certificate [] Master's [] Doctorate

Major: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Activities and Achievements

Indicate membership(s) in scholastic honorary organizations or other university and/or civic groups. Please list any elected positions or offices held in the organizations:

List honors, prizes, awards for scholastic and/or creative achievement. You can also list published papers, research, papers presented in conferences and previous professional employment:

Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that providing false or misleading information on this application or with other documentation may disqualify me for consideration of my application or disbursement of scholarship funding. Further, I understand that the information will be used by donors, the Committee on Student Fellowships and Scholarships, and/or other recognized university scholarship committee(s) to evaluate and award scholarships. I understand that I will need to provide the scholarship committee with a narrative of my educational experiences and the value added to my educational goals. I authorize the University to release to the donor(s) and/or the media any information concerning scholarship(s) I may receive.

Student's Signature

Date