Call for Applications
Bill & Avis Ross Graduate Research Award for Mass Communications

The Office of Graduate Studies is now accepting applications for Bill & Avis Ross Graduate Research Awards. This funding is intended to assist CoMC master’s or doctoral students complete their thesis or dissertation.

Up to $1,500 will be awarded during any academic year. Multiple awards may be made depending on the quality of the applications.

Funds can be used to pay for:
• Participant incentives
• Stimulus material creation
• Travel expenses to collect data
• Material reproduction
• Recording and transcribing

Funds cannot be used to pay for:
• Researcher stipend or salary
• Conference travel
• Personal reimbursements
• Expenses not approved by university

NOTE: Award is for future expenses not already paid personally. Personal reimbursements are subject to TTU approval and tax withholdings.

The awards committee will comprise a group of CoMC graduate faculty members not currently serving on the thesis or dissertation committee of any of the students being considered for this award. At least one committee member will be external to the College of Media & Communication.

The funds may not be used for travel to present the findings of research, technology, personal reimbursements, or personal salaries of the recipient; however, the funds may be used for salaries, incentives, and costs for data collection. The recipients of these funds must adhere to the university’s policies regarding expenditures and audits.

Applications should include:
1. A summary (500-1000 words) of the student’s thesis or dissertation proposal, including literature review, method, and a budget accompanied by a narrative explaining how the student would use the award to improve their thesis or dissertation.
2. An up-to-date CV.
3. A letter of support from the student’s thesis or dissertation advisor.

Additional Guidelines:
1. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program within the College of Media & Communication and working toward completion of a thesis or dissertation project. Non-thesis capstone projects will not be considered for funding.
2. Applicants must be in good academic standing.
3. Additional reporting requirements will be provided to the recipient once funding is awarded.

Applications should be submitted via email as Word documents or PDFs to Dr. Trent Seltzer, Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies (trent.seltzer@ttu.edu). Applications that are late, incomplete or fail to follow the guidelines in this call will not be considered.

The application deadline is Sept. 1 of each year.