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.

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 copy of the student’s thesis or dissertation proposal, including literature review and method.
2. A one-page budget and a 400- to 500-word narrative explaining how the student would use the award to improve their thesis or dissertation.
3. An up-to-date CV.
4. 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, 2018.