

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY
Bluffton, Ohio

PI DELTA RESEARCH GRANT

The Bluffton University Pi Delta Society awards financial assistance to support students in an academic endeavor beyond normal class requirements related to their program of study at Bluffton University. These research grant awards are to be used to cover expenses related to these endeavors (e.g. travel to conferences, research sites, and/or other related events; conference and/or event registration; photocopying; research or project supplies; etc.)

Guidelines

1. **Eligibility.** Any Bluffton student is eligible to apply for a Pi Delta research grant. Preference shall be given to students with a GPA of 3.0 or better and to first time recipients. A student may receive only one research grant award per project.
2. **Application.** The student must submit a completed application for funding, approved and signed by a sponsoring faculty member, to the Chair of the Special Studies and Honors Committee. The application must include a brief description of the student's research, project, or educational opportunity, a rationale for the funding request, and a budget outlining how money will be spent. Requests may be submitted either in advance or for work already completed during that academic year.
3. **Application review.** The Special Studies and Honors committee will consider applications for research grants on a rolling basis but reserves the right to establish application deadlines each semester based on demand and availability of funds.
4. **Award amount.** The maximum amount of any single applicant's research grant award shall be \$500. The Special Studies and Honors Committee reserves the right to limit the total award amount to any group of applicants, based on available funds.
5. **Form of award.** The research grant award shall be in the form of a reimbursement for expenses incurred, which must be validated by the faculty sponsor. Reimbursement shall be made through the Academic Dean's office.
6. **Awardee responsibility.** In the Bluffton University spirit of strong academic culture, Pi Delta research grant awardees are expected to share their experiences with other students in some type of public manner. Awardees should submit a written report that contains either the text of a formal presentation on the awardee's research topic or a reflective essay about the awardee's learning experience. The Special Studies and Honors committee may publish these reports in a public forum such as a website under the Bluffton Center for Academic Excellence.

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Date:

Student Name:

Student GPA:

Class standing (circle): FY SO JR SR Other

Major/Minor:

_____ I am a first time applicant for Pi Delta research grant funding

Describe the project, research, or educational opportunity for which you are applying for a Pi Delta research grant:

Describe the importance of this opportunity for your educational experience:

How do you plan to publicly share your learning experience?

Amount of funding requested (*provide or attach a budget outlining how the funds will be spent*):

Student Signature:

Faculty Sponsor/Signature:

Approved by Faculty December 1978

Revised 1986, 2012, 2013

Maximum amount of award approved by Pi Delta Executive Committee February 2007