

2025-2026 Awards Calendar (Data as of July 23, 2025)

This calendar highlights funding and recognition opportunities offered by the Office of Graduate Studies for the 2025 - 2026 academic year. Our goal is to increase visibility, boost applications, and recognize outstanding contributions across the KU graduate community. Dates are subject to change due to external funding agency updates, academic calendar shifts, or internal scheduling adjustments.

Awards	Value	Application Deadline
Graduate Student Travel Awards The Graduate Student Travel Fund, supported by KU Student Senate, provides up to \$750 to graduate students presenting at conferences or participating in professional development opportunities related to their field. Students may receive one award per academic year. Learn More (https://graduate.ku.edu/graduate-student-travel-fund)	Up to \$750	Cycle I Travel Dates: July 1 - Oct 14 Application Opens 8/20/2025 Cycle II Travel Dates: Oct 15 - Dec 31 Application Opens 10/1/2025 Cycle III Travel Dates: Jan 1 - March 31 Application Opens 12/15/2025 Cycle IV Travel Dates: April 1 - June 30 Application Opens 3/16/2026 <i>Cycles will close once funds are depleted</i>
Doctoral Student Research Fund The Doctoral Student Research Fund supports KU Lawrence/Edwards doctoral students conducting research that advances their degree progress. Each student may receive the award once during their doctoral program. Learn More (https://graduate.ku.edu/doctoral-student-research-fund)	Up to \$1500	Application open Aug 18 - Sept 12 Deadline: September 12
Byrd Graduate Mentor Award The Louise Byrd Graduate Mentor Award honors a faculty member each year who demonstrates exceptional mentorship for graduate students as scholars and individuals. Learn More (https://ogs.ku.edu/byrd-graduate-mentor-award)	\$1200 cash \$6000 Research Stipend 2026-2027 GRA \$27,850 GRA <i>stipend + tuition</i>	Application open Sept 1 - 17 Deadline: September 17
Graduate Student Award for Distinguished Service The Graduate Student Award for Distinguished Service is presented annually to a graduate student who has demonstrated a genuine commitment to serving the University of Kansas while maintaining a high level of academic achievement. Learn More (https://ogs.ku.edu/graduate-student-award-distinguished-service)	\$500 Award	Application open Sept 22 - Oct 20 Deadline: October 20

Please contact graduateawards@ku.edu with any questions or concerns.