Objective of the Award

The McCarter Research Award is an annual stipend of approximately $440 awarded to advance the participation of College of Business graduate students in scholarly research activities. The award is intended to be applied toward efforts that facilitate the graduate student's program of business research.

Eligible Applicants

The applicant must be enrolled as a graduate student of the College of Business, and funds may be requested only for research related activities that occur during her/his graduate program.

Eligible Activities and Expenses

The award must be applied towards previously unfunded components of the student’s research.

Applicants may apply for research activities that have already occurred or that will occur in the future, with the eligible period for the activity being from the prior June 1 to the upcoming May 31. Consistent with the objectives of the award, eligible activities/expenses may include:

- expenses for a past or future conference, inclusive of conference fees and travel, where the applicant's paper has been accepted for presentation;
- expenses related to primary or secondary data collection efforts (exclusive of monetary incentives to participants) used in academic research and approved by the applicant's faculty advisor; and
- conference fees and travel expenses associated with attendance at academic seminars and training consortiums where training on research methods is offered. (Examples might include special seminars on statistical methods of analysis, on qualitative method analysis, or on videography as a tool for presenting research).

Application and Selection Process

Applicants will submit their vita, and a document of no more than two pages providing:

- a brief explanation of the research being conducted by the student, and
- a brief description of the activities for which they are seeking funding and their role in supporting the student's research.

To receive the award funding, the award recipient must provide a short, written endorsement from a sponsoring faculty member indicating that the proposed activities were completed and that the expenses were in accord with the proposal. Reimbursement must occur by the end of the NMSU fiscal year, which is June 30, so recipients must submit the written faculty endorsement by June 10.

Proposals and inquiries about applications should be submitted electronically to the Chair of Faculty Council. The application deadline is February 1. Faculty Council will judge applications according to their qualifications, comparative merit, the extent to which they fulfill the spirit of the intent of the award, and consideration of whether the applicant or project have received other sources of funding.