

**School of Human Environmental Sciences
College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
University of Kentucky**

John I. and Patricia Buster Fellowship Application

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The John I. and Patricia J. Buster Fellowship is awarded to graduate students who are enrolled in the School of Human Environmental Sciences. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 graduate GPA and meet the following criteria:

Masters level students must:

- Be enrolled in a “Plan A” program or equivalent which requires a written thesis;
- Have a minimum of 18 hours in the program; and
- Have an approved research-based thesis proposal.

Doctoral students must:

- Be in the dissertation phase of the program; and
- Have an approved research-based dissertation proposal.

Fellowship Stipends

The Buster Fellowships provides a stipend of \$7,500 per semester. Renewal of the fellowship is possible for up to three additional semesters, but the renewal application must be submitted each semester and renewal is not guaranteed.

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. **To be considered for Spring semester awards, graduate students need to obtain the signature of the department chair for endorsement.**

***Please note the submission process has slightly changed this year to improve the application process. Each application must be submitted to your department chair for endorsement, upon which the applicant should upload the endorsed application onto RedCap, an online database, no later than January 23, 2020.**

Click the following link to submit your application: https://is.gd/HES_Fellowship_Submission

If you have questions, please contact your departmental Director of Graduate Studies.

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Current Program (check the one that applies):

Request Funding For:

- Dietetics & Human Nutrition (M.S.)
- Family Sciences (M.S.)
- Family Sciences (Ph.D.)
- Retailing & Tourism Management (M.S.)

Semester	Year
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Student Information (Please Type)

NAME: _____ **UK ID #** _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

TELEPHONE: _____ **E-mail Address:** _____
(XXX)XXX-XXXX

HOME ADDRESS: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

GRADUATE CREDIT HOURS EARNED: _____ **EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION:** _____
(Semester & Year)

NUMBER OF SEMESTERS IN GRADUATE PROGRAM (INCLUDING CURRENT SEMESTER): _____

CUMULATIVE GRADUATE GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____ **CUMULATIVE UNDERGRADUATE GRADE POINT AVERAGE:** _____

DATE RESEARCH PLAN APPROVED BY COMMITTEE*: _____

Citizenship, Leadership, and Service

List your most significant citizenship, leadership, and service activities and honors while in college (at UK and elsewhere) and within the community. Only include unpaid activities. Clearly note the name of the organization/activity, years you participated, and office/leadership roles held in each.

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Personal Statement

Submit a 500-word essay: Please articulate your qualifications for a fellowship and detail how a fellowship will enhance your academic, personal, and career goals. Describe your accomplishments that demonstrate your best qualities. Add any other information you think that is relevant for the committee's consideration.

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Financial Support

Scholarship and Fellowship Support Expected & Received

Please include all past and present semesters at UK

TYPE/NAME	NOTES/DATES RECEIVABLE	AMOUNT

Financial Aid/Loan Support Expected & Received

Please include all past and present semesters at UK

TYPE/NAME	NOTES/DATES RECEIVABLE	AMOUNT

In the box below please discuss the following financial issues:

What circumstances contribute to your need for financial assistance for graduate school this year? Examples: decrease in family income, ineligible for federal loans, costs associated with your thesis or dissertation, etc.

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Work Experiences

Include all current and past paid work experiences. Provide the employer name, dates of employment, nature of work, and hours per week for each position. Paid and/or unpaid internships should be included as well, with a notation that the work was an internship and whether it was paid or unpaid. Include all graduate assistantships for all past and present academic years at UK.

EMPLOYER	DATE OF EMPLOYMENT	NATURE OF WORK	HOURS PER WEEK

Thesis or Dissertation Proposal

To be eligible for the Buster Fellowship, attach a Research Plan for your thesis or dissertation. Please note that the Research Plan must have approval from your committee. The Plan is limited to three single-spaced pages with one inch margins, and Times New Roman 12 point font. The Research Plan should include the following sections: Significance, Approach, Investigator Qualifications and Environment. The following describes each of these sections.

- **Significance:** Describe the importance of the problem that is being addressed. What is already known and how will the proposed research project improve scientific knowledge and/or clinical practice?
- **Approach:** Describe how the research will be carried out. What method will be used to obtain, measure, and analyze the data? What safeguards will be used to ensure that the data are viewed as credible by the scientific community?
- **Investigator Qualifications:** Describe your qualifications for completing the proposed research. Do you have any previous research or professional experience with the proposed topic or approach? How has your training or background prepared you for conducting this particular study?
- **Environment:** Describe the resources, facilities, and support available to you. Your responsibility in this section is to assure reviewers that successful completion of your proposed research is a realistic expectation.

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Department Chair Endorsement

In the box below, please have your department chair provide a statement of support of your application. The department chair will forward the application to the committee for review.

Department Chair Printed Name

Department Chair Signature

Date