EHAP Research Award

The Evolution and Human Adaptations Program (EHAP) promotes theory and research on evolutionary approaches to human behavior. Faculty and students associated with the program have achieved this goal through inter-disciplinary research on humans and non-human animals within a comparative, evolutionary perspective. EHAP was established at the University of Michigan in 1986 under the sponsorship of the Rackham Graduate School. EHAP offers 1-2 small research awards (up to $1500 each) annually to provide seed money for graduate student research projects and opportunities for graduate students to collaborate with faculty research that fits within the EHAP focus.

Eligibility

Applicants must be actively pursuing a masters or doctoral degree at the University of Michigan. Applicants may be at any stage of their graduate studies and are eligible to receive the award once.

Selection Criteria

Award recipients will have demonstrated exceptional scholarly achievement, communicated a clear project (with stated goals and a strong methodology for achieving these goals), and developed a project that addresses an important theoretical area relevant to evolutionary approaches to human behavior. Priority will be given to students whose projects demonstrate a strong research design, are feasible in the time-frame specified, and that specifically link their research to EHAP’s focus.

Deadline

April 1 each year, with notification the first week of May each year

Award Description

At least one award (up to $1,500) award will be made for Spring/Summer support. Based on the availability of funds, additional awards may be made during the competition process. The award may be used for any research purposes (e.g., supplies, travel, living). In the event that the student does not have a Spring/Summer stipend, the award may also be used for living expenses.

Application Procedures

Graduate programs may apply by submitting the following materials to Ms. Teera Losch (tparr@umich.edu). Please write “EHAP Research Award” in the subject line.

- Research statement from the applicant that (up to 1000-1500 words, not including references):
  - Describes the research (overview, question(s), background, methods, expected result(s))
  - Details how the research contributes to evolutionary approaches to human behavior
- Budget (up to $1500) on how money will be spent
- Applicant’s curriculum vitae (c.v.).
- Letter of recommendation from the applicant's faculty advisor noting their achievement and promise (please have the advisor send the letter separately to the email address above)