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Graduate Research Consultants

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Purpose:



The Graduate Research Consultant (GRC) program is designed to support instructors interested in incorporating research into their undergraduate classes. Modeled after the successful program at the [University of North Carolina](#), the GRC program at the University of Kansas launched its pilot program in Spring 2014.

The GRC program provides financial support (\$500) to a graduate student or postdoctoral researcher who works with a particular course to help design a research project, mentor students, and evaluate student learning. By research projects, we mean opportunities in which students use the methods of the discipline to pose questions, apply those methods in investigation, and communicate formally their findings to others. We ask that your course include a mechanism for students to communicate their findings publicly, such as via a class presentation, a poster session, a website, etc. GRCs are expected to work 30 hours over the course of the semester and attend a half-day workshop at the beginning of the semester.

GRCs are not the same as instructors, lecturers, or graduate teaching assistants. GRCs have knowledge in research methodology and their role is to help facilitate the undergraduate research process. They are not involved in grading students' work or administering the class and are not required to attend all class sessions. The following list includes examples of ways that a GRC might spend their time:

- lead in-class discussion on days related to the research project
- hold individual or group consultations with students
- develop writing prompts or assignments
- provide written feedback about student projects
- develop reusable online modules related to research

There are many possibilities for how a GRC might spend their 30 hours to support the students in their research. GRCs should enable the instructor to require more demanding research projects while providing more support for the students as they pursue their projects.

Application Deadline:

The deadline for GRC applications for the Spring 2015 semester will be **Friday, November 21, 2014**, at 5:00 pm.

Eligibility:

All undergraduate KU courses are eligible to receive a GRC, including classes from across the disciplines of sciences, social sciences, arts, humanities, and professional schools. Classes of any size, and at any level (introductory to advanced), are eligible. The instructor of record for any KU course is eligible to apply to have a GRC for his/her course.

Any KU graduate student or post doctoral researcher is eligible to be a GRC. A graduate student can be a GTA and a GRC in the same semester. However, their roles as a GRC and a GTA should be clearly defined, and their duties as a GRC should be *in addition to* their normal duties as a GTA. If you have any questions about your eligibility, please email us at cur@ku.edu.

GRC Quick Links

Submit Your GRC Application

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Need help finding a GRC or instructor to partner with? Fill out our [GRC Interest List form](#), and we'll help facilitate a match!



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