

Class Requirements & Deadlines to Apply – Doctoral Students

- Summer/Fall semesters are combined for fall grant awards. Winter/Spring semesters are combined for spring grant awards.
- Grants **are not** available for doctoral students enrolled solely in an online platform. Students must be enrolled in a residential (on-campus) or modified residential format (meets on campus for seminars throughout the year – meeting on campus at least once during the summer/fall semesters and once during the winter/spring semesters).
- **Dissertation/Writing Phase** - Grants are available for students enrolled in the dissertation/writing phase of their program, provided they were eligible to receive a Keesee grant prior to entering the writing phase of their program.

*For example, if you were an online student, taking all of your seminars online, you **cannot** switch your status to residential when you enter the writing phase and be considered for a Keesee grant.*

Students completing classes before entering the research/writing phase at a school other than a Keesee beneficiary school are not eligible to apply upon entering the research/writing phase at a Keesee eligible school.

You are not required to be on campus during the dissertation/writing phase of your program.

- Only hours taken and credit earned at a Keesee beneficiary school are eligible for a Keesee grant.
- Grants are not available for students enrolled for more than two semesters of continuous enrollment.
- **Deadlines** - Applications must be submitted by the following deadlines to be considered for a Keesee grant:

Summer/Fall and Winter/Spring Semester of the Academic Year – May 1st*

Winter/Spring Semester only of the Academic Year – November 1st*

WE DO NOT EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING. IF YOU FAIL TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY THE DUE DATE YOU WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT OPEN PERIOD TO APPLY.

**If a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, applications will be accepted the next business day (typically the following Monday)*

You must reapply each year you wish to be considered for a Keesee grant. Grants are available for a maximum of 6 semesters for Doctoral degrees.

Submitting an application does not guarantee approval of a grant. Application approvals/denials do not rest on a single factor, but on the strength of the entire application. Final decisions are at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. If a Keesee grant is awarded, amounts may vary and are not guaranteed to cover all of your expenses. You are encouraged to apply for other funding. The financial aid office of your school can advise you of other available funds.