

2026-2027 Graduate Faculty Scholarship Funding Tiers

Tier	Funding Amount	Performance Summary
Tier 1: Exceptional	\$750	All fields are completed accurately with specific details. The project aligns with graduate school priorities, has well-defined outcomes, a specific dissemination plan, and a clearly described institutional impact on VSU.
Tier 2: Strong	\$550	All required fields are accurate. Most criteria (alignment, outcomes, dissemination, and impact) are described well, though one or two minor details may lack absolute clarity.
Tier 3: Moderate	\$350	Most fields are completed, but there are minor omissions. Descriptions of alignment and outcomes are "somewhat" clear, but several details are missing from the dissemination plan or the institutional impact section.
Tier 4: Minimal	\$150	Some fields are missing or incomplete. Descriptions are only partial, and many details regarding how the travel benefits the institution or how findings will be shared remain unclear.
Tier 5: Ineligible	\$0	Required fields are missing. The project does not align with priorities, outcomes, or institutional impact, and there is no plan for disseminating the findings.