

COATES RESEARCH SCHOLAR AWARDS – – PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY

Charles E. Coates Scholar Research Grants are unrestricted awards made from the Dr. Charles E. Coates Memorial Fund Research. These competitive awards are made to support promising doctoral research by superior graduate students in Physics & Astronomy. Each award is for \$5000/year, with a possibility of a second year of funding. A maximum of one award will be active in the Department of Physics & Astronomy at any one time. Funds will be placed in restricted accounts; expenditure categories will follow accepted University regulations. Accounts will be established in the major professor's name, but expenditures must be directly related to the Scholar's proposed and approved research. Annual award amounts or frequency may increase, based on future availability of funds. This award is available only to Ph.D. students who have successfully completed the general examination in the Department of Physics & Astronomy. Students may receive this award once during their Ph.D. studies. Selection criteria include proposal content, major professor's recommendation letter and overall scope of the proposal.

Application Deadline

- Applications are due May 1 for awards starting during the next fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). Please contact the Physics & Astronomy Associate Chair Dr. Dana Browne (browne@phys.lsu.edu) to determine if an award is available for the next deadline.

Application Procedure

A completed application consists of the following. All attached documents must be in at least 10 point font, double spaced. The application should be submitted electronically to coordinator Stephanie Jones in 202F Nicholson Hall (stephanie@phys.lsu.edu)

- The signed cover sheet at the end of this document
- A proposal describing the research to be performed during the proposal period. The proposal is limited to 5 pages, including figures and references.
- A current CV for the student
- A one page letter of support from the student's research advisor.
- A one page budget describing how the funds will be used.

Award Procedure

- A one-page report describing the progress, outcomes and summary of expenditures must be submitted by June 1 of the first year of the award. Funding for the second year is contingent on receipt of a satisfactory progress report. The report should be signed by the major professor and student.
- Unused funds cannot be carried over from one fiscal year to the next fiscal year, and no-cost extensions are not allowed.
- The research award will end if the student is no longer registered as a full-time Ph.D. student in good standing in Physics & Astronomy at LSU. The student should be enrolled full time in dissertation research courses only, and receiving a grade of S for each course.
- The research advisor and student are responsible for following all LSU procedures and rules for use of the award funds.
- A final progress report is due within 30 days of completion of the award. The report should be signed by the major professor and student.

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Submit form and additional materials to Stephanie Jones (stephanie@phys.lsu.edu) - 202F Nicholson Hall.

Applicant Name: _____

Major Professor name: _____

Research Project Title: _____

Project Start Date (normally July 1): _____

Project End Date (limited to 2 years): _____

Date of General Exam Completion: _____

- ***Be sure to consult the previous pages for additional required application materials and deadlines!***

Signature – Ph.D. Student _____ Date _____

Signature – Research Advisor _____ Date _____