Guidelines for pilot study/dissertation funding:

Funding is available for students from the Rehabilitation Sciences Doctoral Program for pilot studies. It is anticipated that 2-3 pilot studies will be funded per semester at $1,000-$1,500 per study. Requested funds may include: travel to distant site for data collection, payment for study subjects, supply costs associated with assays not covered by funds from primary advisor, etc.

Procedure:

* Deadline for application is November 1st and April 1st for funds to be spend the consecutive semester.
* Students need to submit:

1) a 2-3 page research proposal (references not included in page limit) which needs to include:

- research question

- hypothesis or purpose statement (as appropriate for the research design)

- specific aims

- research design (including time line)

- expected outcomes

- reason for requesting funds/benefit to student

- detailed budget with budget justification

2) a NIH style (5 page maximum) bio sketch from the student

* Application needs to be submitted to Dr. Dupont-Versteegden ([esther.dupont@uky.edu](mailto:esther.dupont@uky.edu))
* Students will be notified of funding decision within two weeks. Additional information may be requested before funding decisions.
* Upon receipt of notification of funding, students will arrange with Lana Ogle ([lana.ogle@uky.edu](mailto:lana.ogle@uky.edu)) for payment.
* Students are expected to write a one page summary of the scientific findings supported by the pilot funding in the semester that they have received the funds.

Acknowledgment:

If funding is received, students should acknowledge the funding in presentations, poster and publications as follows: “Study was supported by funding from the Endowed University Professor in Health Sciences.”