

**APPLICATION:
Michael A. Graff Dissertation Completion Award (\$2000)**

Instructions:

Eligibility: Graduate students at the Ph.D. level in Geography who have successfully defended their proposals are eligible to apply for this award. The award is meant to provide financial support towards completion of their dissertation research. Special consideration will be given to students who in the course of their research are engaging in one or more of the following:

- development of a new and/or improved tool, technique, or approach,
- constructive resurrection of a forgotten tool, technique, or approach,
- testing an accepted 'olde' idea/conclusion with modern tools/approaches,
- resolution of a long-debated conundrum,
- clearly outstanding/exemplary research work.

Applicants for the Michael A. Graff Dissertation Completion Award should complete the following and e-mail to Dr. Ryan Shadbolt (shadbolt@msu.edu). Due date of all application materials is 01 March, 5:00PM ET.

- (1) Completed application form, including budget, justification, and timeline (see next page).
- (2) A one page (maximum) personal statement explaining how their research meets the bulleted criteria outlined above.
- (3) Advisor approval and signature.

Recipients will be invited to attend the annual GEO-GTU Awards Reception, and may be asked to write a letter expressing appreciation to the estate that funds the award.

The application form is on page 2—**delete this page of instructions** before submitting your application.

GRADUATE STUDENT APPLICATION
Michael A. Graff Dissertation Completion Award

Student name:	Advisor name:
E-mail:	Year in program:
Written Comps completed (date)? Oral Comps completed (date)? Defended dissertation proposal (date)?	
Graduate GPA (overall):	Expected graduation date:

Graduate GEO Courses (completed & in progress)		Graduate Non-GEO Courses (completed & in progress)	
Course Name	Grade	Course Name	Grade

Add lines if needed.

Accomplishments (publications, awards of grants/fellowships, conference presentations, etc.)

Budget	
Expense	Amount (\$ USD)

Add lines on separate sheet if needed.

Budget Justification and Timeline to Completion

I approve of this student as a recipient of the Michael A. Graff Dissertation Completion Award.

Signature of Advisor

Date