



Part I: Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____ PID Number: _____

Department / Program: _____

Degree Program: ___ M.A. ___ Ph.D. ___ Other (specify _____)

Date of first enrollment at UNC: _____ Degree already received?: ___ Yes ___ No

If received, date of graduation: _____ (must be within three years, 12/04 or later)

Home Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Is this research for your dissertation/thesis? Yes ___ No ___

If this research *is* for your dissertation/thesis:

Date proposal examined: _____ Approved: ___ Not yet approved: ___

Dissertation advisor: _____

Dissertation title: _____

If this research *is not* for your dissertation/thesis:

Faculty advisor: _____

Project title: _____

List any additional collaborators on this project:

Name: _____ Also applied for Impact Award?: ___ Yes ___ No

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Please indicate the topical area of your research. Check all that apply:

Economic Development ___ Health & Social Services ___ Education ___

Other (specify) _____

Please indicate the geographic area of impact. Check all that apply:

Western N.C. ___ Central N.C. ___ Eastern N.C. ___ Statewide ___

Please list any specific locations of impact within North Carolina: _____



Part 2: Abstract and Research Description (5 pages)

Please attach to this application **an abstract of your research project of no more than 200 words** and a research description (together these should not exceed 5 pages). You may apply from any field of study if your research has any impact or topic related to North Carolina. Your research may have a broad, overall reach, however, you must be able to **specifically describe the significance of your research to the State of North Carolina**. Successful applicants in the past have had a wide range of projects addressing subjects such as diabetes and cancer research, theatrical re-enactments, public health issues, journalism, race-related issues, history, communications, and economics. For more examples, visit the IMPACT Awards website: <http://gradschool.unc.edu/awards/impact/>.

- **Impact:** Include a detailed description of your research project, including the specific likely benefit for North Carolina. If your research has a benefit beyond North Carolina, you should include information about the specific impact or benefit to North Carolina. Be as specific as possible, for example, "Diabetes affects 2,500 children in North Carolina each year...." If your research addresses social issues, use examples referencing particular problems or areas affected in North Carolina.
- **Content:** Your research description should also include all appropriate details necessary for judging the quality of your research or creative endeavor. Depending upon your discipline, this may include methodology, experimental design, research protocols, data collection, human subjects approvals, photographs of artistic works, results, etc. If your research project is part of a collaborative effort or long-term, on-going endeavor with other partners, you must clearly explain **your exact contribution** to the project. Please be advised that the more complete your research is, the more likely it is to receive an award. The committee is not only interested in an important or innovative research idea, but they would also prefer to see some results or conclusions. Describe the current status of your project and any results obtained in as much detail as possible. The research description and abstract together should not exceed 5 pages. If you choose to include selected references, they must be included within the 5 page limitation.
- **Audience:** Address your research description to an audience of intelligent, academic reviewers, who may not be very familiar with your specific field or discipline. You must clearly explain the importance of your research to a **general audience** and refrain from using jargon or field-specific terminology.
- **Format:** The text must be 12 point font with 1 inch margins on all sides.

To be considered for an IMPACT AWARD, please submit one original and 6 copies (copies of recommendation letters are not required) of the following by the deadline date, October 8, 2007, 4:00 PM.

- 1) (Part 1) Completed **Application form**.
- 2) (Part 2) **Abstract** of your research and its impact on North Carolina (no more than 200 words) and a **detailed description of your research project**, including the specific likely benefit for North Carolina (The research description and abstract together should not exceed **5 pages**.)
- 3) (Part 3) A brief biographical sketch including educational and professional achievements, degrees or certificates received, awards for achievement or service, and recent grants or scholarships (no more than **1 page**.)
- 4) **Two faculty recommendations**, one from the faculty advisor for this research project (no more than **1 page**, in sealed/signed envelopes--only 1 copy necessary.)

**Submit all application materials in a complete, collated package to:
Lisa Clement, 218 Bynum Hall, CB# 4010.**



***Graduate Education Advancement Board IMPACT Award
Letter of Recommendation***

Section I: to be completed by applicant:

Applicant Name: _____

Department: _____

I agree do not agree to waive rights to have access to letters of recommendation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and any other laws, regulations, or policies.

Applicant's signature: _____

Section II: to be completed by faculty member providing the recommendation:

Please provide your evaluation of the above named applicant for a GEAB IMPACT Award, by attaching an assessment which does not exceed **one typed page**. Include your appraisal of the following:

1. the quality of the student's research,
2. your assessment of the significance and impact of the student's research to the overall field of study, and
3. the value it may likely provide specifically to the State of North Carolina

Letters should be written "**To the IMPACT Award Committee**"

Name and Title of Recommender: _____

Signature: _____

Department: _____

The applicant should have letter of recommendation returned to them in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. Only one copy is required.

Please note that for equity in the review of applicants, only one page is permitted for each reference.



Graduate Education Advancement Board IMPACT Award Application Checklist

Part One: Applicant Information (PDF form)

- Applicant information form is completed and signed.

Part Two: Research Description (no more than five pages)

- Research Description (Part two) is no longer than **five pages** total (not including cover sheet). Applications that exceed this limit will not be considered.
- Font is 12 point and 1 inch margins are used on all sides.
- Research Description is addressed to a *general (lay) audience*. Significance of research is clearly explained *without jargon or technical, field-specific language*.
 - Abstract (no more than **200 words**)
 - Background and significance of research (including citations if applicable)
 - Methodology/research design/project design (including any necessary approvals)
 - Research progress to date, brief work-plan and estimated timetable
 - Results or conclusions to date
 - Specific benefits and impact of research to North Carolina
 - If project is collaborative or long-term, describe your specific contribution to the research

Part Three: Biographical Sketch (no more than one page)

- Major educational and professional achievements, degrees or certificates received, awards for achievement or service, and recent grants or scholarships

Letters of Reference (two required)

- One from faculty advisor for this project (limited to **one page**, in sealed/signed envelope)
- One from another faculty member familiar with your research (limited to **one page**, in sealed/signed envelope)

Submission

- Submit **one original** and **six copies** by the deadline date. Originals and copies must be properly collated. You do not need to provide copies of the recommendation letters.
- Deliver all materials in one package to **Lisa Clement, 218 Bynum Hall, CB# 4010** by **October 8, 2007**

Notes:

- Applications that do not adhere to any of the specified limits or formats will not be considered.
- It is a good idea to show your research description to people who are unfamiliar with your field of study to ensure that what you have written is understandable to a non-specialist and free of jargon. This is an essential characteristic of a successful application.
- The impact/benefit to the State of North Carolina must be clearly explained.
- Priority will be given to students whose projects are more complete and who are able to show some results or conclusions.

Questions? Lisa Clement at lisa_clement@unc.edu