

## **Qualifying Plan 2**

### **Part 2, Option 2: Grant Application**

The grant application component is designed to provide students with experience in analyzing and synthesizing the research literature and in developing the rationale, literature review, and design of a potentially fundable study. The grant application requires the student to work with the research advisor to develop a pre-proposal defining the scope and research goals of the grant application and the organization from which funding will be sought, typically a major Federal agency such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or the National Science Foundation (NSF). A proposal to submit an application to a different agency or organization will require clear justification and a copy of the agency's proposal instructions to ensure that the funding mechanism is sufficient broad in scope to meet the requirements of the qualifying project.

The student must submit the grant pre-proposal, approved by the research advisor, to the Academic Support Coordinator, and the Graduate Studies Committee must approve the grant pre-proposal before the student begins to write the full grant application. For grant applications to agencies that require a very brief literature review, the Graduate Studies Committee may require the student to submit a more comprehensive supplemental literature review and references in order to demonstrate mastery of the relevant research literature. It is expected that students will submit their grant proposals to the relevant agency for consideration for funding.