

# **SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program**

## **Research Academic Support fund (RAS)**

The Research Academic Support fund (RAS) targets Doctoral and Intermediate Award scholars who have not used all of their professional development funds. Dissertation Award scholars are not eligible for these funds. Eligible scholars are those who have completed their course work, passed their comps, and have successfully defended their dissertation proposal/prospectus.

RAS funds may be used to pay for research associated with the scholar's dissertation. Allowable use is flexible. The scholar may use up to \$500 for the year. The scholar must email a pre-approval form with an itemized list of requested expenses, similar to the professional development pre-approval form. DSP will notify the scholar if it is approved. Once DSP approves the request, the scholar may purchase the product or service. The scholar will only be reimbursed with line-item receipts and the RAS form. DSP will not reimburse without pre-approval and line item receipts.

**Examples of allowable use include:** transcription services, editing services, lab equipment, textbooks, printing, software, and printers.

**Examples of non-allowable use include:** computers, laptops, Chromebooks, Ipads, Tablets, cameras, magazine or newspaper subscriptions, designer accessories, telephones, eyeglasses, association membership dues, tuition, travel costs, workshops or conferences, or medical insurance.