

**Sigma Delta Epsilon/Graduate Women in Science  
Ruth Dickie Grants-in-Aid and Research Scholarship Definition  
Beta Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Madison**



**Purpose:**

1. To encourage women's research careers in the sciences.
2. To increase knowledge in the fundamental, hypothesis-driven research sciences.
3. To help young scientists effectively communicate their science.

**Designation of the Awards:**

1. The awards known as the Ruth Dickie Grants-in-Aid and Research Scholarships are funded by the estate of Ruth Dickie.
2. Awards will be announced in May 2026.

**Qualifications of Candidate:**

1. Awards are restricted to current members of SDE/GWIS Beta Chapter.
2. Awards will be made to graduate women of outstanding ability and promise in research who are currently enrolled in a graduate program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
3. Awards will be made irrespective of race, nationality, creed, national origin, or age.
4. Awards will be made for hypothesis-driven research in the biological, chemical, or natural sciences (including but not limited to physical, environmental, mathematical and statistics, computer, life sciences, anthropology, psychology).

**Terms of the Award:**

1. Funds available in any one year shall be the income from and contributions to the UW Ruth Dickie Endowment Account. The amount thus varies from year to year.
2. The Awards Committee reserves the right to make no awards if no satisfactory applicants present themselves.
3. The period of the scholarship shall be one academic year (Fall to Spring).
4. Applicants may only apply for one award (Grants-in-Aid OR the Research Scholarship) in any given year.
5. Applicants may receive each award only one time (one Grants-in-Aid and one Research Scholarship).
6. Recipients are expected to present the research in a short talk during an SDE/GWIS meeting the following spring.

7. No part of the Scholarship may be used for tuition, administrative overhead, equipment of general use, or any other costs to any educational institution.
8. Acknowledgment of support of Beta Chapter of SDE/GWIS in publications resulting from the project funded by the Ruth Dickie Endowment at UW-Madison is requested.
9. If human or animal subjects are used, the work must be evaluated by an in-house animal subjects committee and approval from the committee should be included in the application.