The Graduate Student Scholarships and Grants are intended to offset the costs associated with graduate education such as tuition, fees, and books purchased at the USI bookstore. Each recipient will be awarded a $1000 merit based scholarship or need based grant. The funds will be divided equally between the fall and spring semesters. Spring awards are contingent upon maintenance of “good academic standing” and a grade point average (GPA) 3.5 or higher for merit based scholarships. Students must be enrolled in no fewer than three (3) graduate level credit hours during the funding period. These awards are not automatically renewable. Students must apply for either the scholarship or grant each academic year. Recipients will be selected by a committee convened by the director of the graduate program. The Office of Graduate Studies will notify students of award decisions.

Graduate Student Scholarship
To be eligible for the merit based scholarship students must:

- have completed nine (9) graduate level credit hours at USI prior to fall 2014
- must be in good academic standing and have a cumulative graduate GPA of 3.5 or higher
- complete the application form
- write a one-page memorandum describing candidacy for the scholarship and how the funds will be used if awarded
- submit application and memorandum to the director of the graduate program
- request a letter of recommendation from a graduate faculty member – faculty should send letter directly to the director of the graduate program

Graduate Student Grant
To be eligible for the need based grant students must:

- have a FAFSA on file in the USI Office of Student Financial Aid for the 2014-2015 academic year
- have completed nine (9) graduate level credit hours at USI prior to fall 2014
- be in good academic standing
- complete the application form
- write a one-page memorandum describing candidacy for the grant and how the funds will be used if awarded
- submit application and memorandum to the director of the graduate program
- request a letter of recommendation from a graduate faculty member – faculty should send letter directly to the director of the graduate program