Fall 2017 STEMinar Grant Guidelines:

The STEMinar is proud to announce that this semester, we will be awarding 10 graduate student grants for $350 and two postdoctoral researcher grants for $500! Grantees will be chosen by lottery from the pool of eligible individuals.

Who is eligible?
You must earn 6 STEMinar points to be entered into the grant lottery.
If you are graduating in Fall 2017, you are not eligible for a grant.
The lottery will be conducted at the end of Fall semester by the Center for STEM Learning. Winners will be announced at the end of Fall semester.

If you are awarded a grant in the Fall, you are eligible in the Spring of 2018 (if you requalify) for half the award, $175 (grad student) or $250 (postdoc). The following year, you are eligible again to receive the full grant.

How do you earn STEMinar points?
1 point for attendance at each STEMinar (up to 8 attendance points possible)
3 points for speakers

What will be the expectations for the grant recipient?
An individual, graduate student or postdoc, who receives a grant will prepare a 3-5 page journal article, written for a general STEM audience, which summarizes their current research project or reviews a STEM topic that they are interested in writing about. In particular, we will encourage the authors of these papers to address how their research relates to other fields, everyday life, etc. These reports will be due on Feb. 1, 2018. At the time of submission, you will also need to submit a brief 1-2 paragraph proposal describing how you plan to use the funds.

The article you submit will be part of a STEMinar Journal. Our hope is that this journal will highlight the research that is being done by STEM graduate students at CU.

How can the grant be used?
The grant recipients from the spring semester will have until May 31, 2018 to use their grant. The money from these grants must be used for academic purposes. This could include, for example, travel costs for a conference, textbooks, lab or teaching materials, technological devices like tablets or laptops that are useful for graduate work, etc.

What if you aren’t selected in the lottery?
There may be more eligible individuals than available grants each semester. If you are eligible but are not chosen to receive a grant in the Fall, STEMinar will guarantee that you receive a grant in Spring 2018 provided that you again earn enough points to be eligible in the Spring.