
Summer 2016 Research Fellowships

Overview

Summer Research Fellowships provide financial support to graduate students during the summer term, allowing students to devote significant time to dissertation or thesis research. The intent of the award is to foster greater professional productivity and to assist in timely degree completion.

Summer Research Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis. Applicants must submit materials to the Office of the Provost by Friday, January 22, 2016 (see **Application Process**). Recipients will be notified by Friday, February 26, 2016.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be doctoral or master's students enrolled full-time during the fall 2015 and spring 2016 semesters.
- Applicants may **not** currently hold a fellowship that offers funding through the summer.
- Applicants may **not** hold an assistantship or accept outside employment during the award period.
- **Doctoral students** must have completed course requirements, passed all required written and oral exams, and be registered for dissertation credit in the spring 2016 semester.
- **Master's students** must provide written verification of thesis proposal acceptance by thesis chair/committee no later than May 2, 2016 (last day of classes).

Award

- Fellowship amount: \$7,000 for doctoral students; \$5,000 for master's students.
- Term of award: Summer 2016 (May 25 – August 24).
- Enrollment in summer coursework beyond dissertation or thesis credits must be approved in advance by the Associate Provost for Graduate Education.
- Student must submit a summary of the work produced at the conclusion of the summer.
- Student's thesis or dissertation chair must be willing to provide a written evaluation of student's work at the conclusion of the fellowship.

Questions?

Contact Akitta Robertson, provgrad@gmu.edu or 703.993.8912.
provost.gmu.edu/graduate-education/grad-ed/

Application Process

Students must email the following materials to the Office of Graduate Education, provgrad@gmu.edu, by 5 pm, Friday, January 22, 2016:

1. Strict Guidelines for Narrative

- Limit two pages; one-inch margins; double-spaced; Times, 12-pt. font.
- Student's full name and degree program must appear in the header on each page, e.g., "Jane Doe, PhD Communication".
- Include brief description of thesis/dissertation research.
- Include research goals for the summer and how these goals fit within the broader research agenda.
- Include specific plans for executing research and attaining goals during award term.

2. Budget Statement

- Limit 500 words; one page, one-inch margins.
- Describe clearly how the funds will be used/allocated.
- State whether other funds have been sought or received for the work proposed.

3. Letter of Recommendation

- One letter of recommendation is required from thesis/dissertation chair and should include verification of eligibility.
- Recommendation letter must be submitted by thesis/dissertation chair **directly** to the Office of Graduate Education: provgrad@gmu.edu.

