

BIOS PhD Student Summer 2018 Research Fellowships

Overview

Research Fellowships provide financial support to BIOS PhD students, allowing students to devote significant time to their dissertation research and to the submission of graduate fellowship applications. The purpose of the award is to increase student productivity, decrease the student's time to degree completion, and to increase the likelihood of students receiving graduate fellowships.

Fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis. Applicants must submit materials by **Wednesday, February 14, 2018** (see directions below). Recipients will be notified no later than Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a BIOS PhD student enrolled full-time during fall 2017 and spring 2018 semesters
- Must be continuing as a full time BIOS PhD student in fall 2018
- Must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5

Award

- Fellowship amount: \$5,000 - \$6,000
- Term of award: Summer 2018 (May 25-August 24)

Conditions of the Awards

- You do not hold a fellowship that offers funding through the summer
- Dissertation chair/advisor must be willing to provide a written evaluation of your work at the conclusion of the fellowship.
- Must submit a summary of the work produced at the conclusion of the fellowship, including graduate fellowships for which you applied.

Directions

Applicants must submit the following materials directly to Monique Sweeney (msween10@GMU.EDU) by **Wednesday, February 14, 2018**:

1. Narrative

- Limit one page; one-inch margins; single-spaced; Times New Roman, 12-pt. font.
- Include a brief description of your dissertation research, including your goals for your summer research.

2. CV

- Make sure to highlight publications, patents, presentations, conferences attended, awards/honors and fellowships.

3. Graduate fellowship submission plan

- Limit one page; one-inch margins; single-spaced; Times New Roman, 12-pt. font.
- Describe a plan for obtaining graduate student fellowships. This should include a list of fellowship programs that will be applied to during and/or after the award period. Be sure to select programs for which you are eligible.
- Describe your past efforts aimed at obtaining graduate fellowships.

4. Letter of recommendation

- One letter of recommendation is required from the dissertation chair/research advisor and should include verification of eligibility.
 - For students that have yet to formally select a lab, a letter of recommendation may come from a faculty member whom which they have done or are doing a lab rotation.
- Dissertation chair/research advisor must be willing to work with the student on submission of graduate fellowships.
- Letters must be submitted directly to Monique Sweeney at msween10@GMU.EDU