
Summer 2019 Research Fellowships

Questions?

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Overview

Summer Research Fellowships provide financial support to graduate students during the summer term, allowing students to devote significant time to their 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 25, 2019 (see **Application Process**). Recipients will be notified by Friday, March 1, 2019.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be doctoral or master's students listed in university records as having full-time status during both fall 2018 and spring 2019 semesters. Applicants are responsible for confirming that the appropriate forms have been filed with the Registrar's office so that their enrollment status is accurately recorded.
- 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 2019 semester**.
- **Master's students** must provide written verification of thesis proposal acceptance by thesis chair/committee no later than May 6, 2019 (last day of classes).

Award

- Fellowship amount: \$7,000 for doctoral students; \$5,000 for master's students.
- Term of award: Summer 2019 (May 20 – August 23).
- 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 by August 26, 2019.
- Student's thesis or dissertation chair must be willing to provide a written evaluation of student's work, at the conclusion of the fellowship, by August 26, 2019.
- **Doctoral students** are expected to apply to compete in Mason's 2020 3MT™ after completion of the fellowship. **Master's students** are expected to present a poster or make an oral presentation in the 2020 Mason's Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference after completion of the fellowship. See [here](#) for more details.

Application Process

Students must email the following materials combined as one document (not including the letter of recommendation) to provgrad@gmu.edu by 5:00 pm, Friday, January 25, 2019:

1. Strict Guidelines for Narrative

- Limit two pages; one-inch margins; double-spaced; Times, 12-pt. font.
- Student's full name, degree program and G number must appear in the header on each page, e.g., "Jane Doe, PhD Communication, G5555555"
- 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 (e.g., research travel, living expenses, etc.).
- 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.