
Spring 2020 Dissertation Completion Grants

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Overview

Dissertation Completion Grants are awarded to doctoral students in the final semester of their dissertation. The Grants enable students to focus full-time on research and writing, improving quality of the work, and shortening the time to complete their degree.

Dissertation Completion Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Applicants must submit materials to the Office of the Provost by Friday, October 25th (see **Application Process** to the right). Recipients will be notified by Monday, November 18, 2019.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be full-time doctoral students.
- Applicants must have completed course requirements, passed all required written and oral exams, and have advanced to candidacy.
- Applicants must communicate regularly with their dissertation chair and committee members.
- Applicants must be able to complete meet the University's summer 2020 final dissertation submission deadline of 5pm, Friday, July 31. See library.gmu.edu/udts for more information.

Award

- Grant amount: \$10,000.
- Tuition amount: Up to 3 credits of 999.
- Term of award: Spring 2020 semester.
- No assistantship or outside employment may be held during the award period.
- Students enrolled in the Subsidized Graduate Health Insurance plan will maintain their policy for the duration of the plan year.
- Monthly progress report (one page) during the award period.
- Recipients will be required to compete in Mason's 2020 3MT® competition held during the spring 2020 semester. Students are also encouraged to present a poster or make an oral presentation at the 2020 Mason's Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference. More information pertaining to these events will be made available early November.

Application Process

Students must email the following combined materials (one pdf attachment to include student's name, degree program, and G number in the header of each page) by 5 pm, Friday, October 25, 2020:

- Abstract: A summary of dissertation research (1/2 page).
- Significance of the research to the field of study (1/2 page)
- Table of contents indicating progress made to date and plan for completion within the award timetable (1 page).
- Letter of recommendation: Must include information pertaining to the student's progress as well as confirmation that the student is on track to finish by the summer 2020 deadline. **Letter must be signed by dissertation chair.**

Submission

Complete applications should be emailed (**copying dissertation chair**) to the Office of Graduate Education at provgrad@gmu.edu by 5 pm, Friday, October 25, 2018.

Questions?

Contact Akitta Robertson,
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<https://provost.gmu.edu/academics-and-research/graduate-education>