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# Spring 2021 Achievement Assistantships (New)

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## Overview

The Achievement Assistantship is a new funding opportunity for full-time or part-time doctoral students, who have completed a minimum of 48 credits of coursework. This Grant provides support for graduate students to advance their research to progress in 998 or 999 requirements towards completion of their degree. Achievement Assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis. Applicants must submit materials to the Office of the Provost by Friday, November 20, 2020 (see **Application Process** to the right). Recipients will be notified by Monday, December 14, 2020.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be Doctoral students.
- Applicants can be part-time (minimum of 4.5 credits) or full-time.
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above throughout the award.
- Applicants must have successfully completed a minimum of 48 credits of coursework by the start of the award
- Applicants must be registered for either 998 or 999 by the start of the award

## Award Requirements

- Term of award: Spring 2021\*
- Types of awards:

Tier	Award Type	Description
1	Full-time GRA	20-hr per week: stipend of \$9,000, 6-9 tuition credits
2	Part-time GRA	10-hr per week: stipend of \$4,500 only
3	Tuition-only	Tuition: 6-9 credits only

- Post-award report that summarizes research and scholarly activities and progress made towards degree completion during the period of the award

## Application Process

Students must complete their application and submit the following materials through the online application portal by 5 pm, Friday, November 20, 2020:

- Personal statement (1 page)
- Research statement (2 pages) – targeted to broader audience
- Plan of study (link)
- Requested funding tier and justification (including program funding constraints)
- Timeline to degree completion
- Current internal or external funding towards doctoral studies (when applicable)

## Submission Process

Applications should be submitted through the application link, located on our website, by 5 pm, Friday, November 20, 2020.

## \*Submission cycle

This award will also be opened in Spring 2021 for the upcoming academic year

## Questions?

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