
Summer 2023 Research Fellowships

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 via the Office of the Provost [application portal](#) by **Thursday, February 2, 2023** (see **Application Process**). Recipients will be notified by Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

Eligibility Criteria

- **Applicants must be doctoral, or master's students listed as full-time during the fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters.** Applicants should confirm that the appropriate forms (e.g. [Full-Time Equivalent Status form](#), etc.) have been filed with the [Registrar's office](#).
- **Doctoral students** must have **advanced to candidacy as defined by their degree program** by **Thursday, February 2, 2023 (application deadline)**.
- **Master's students** must provide written verification of thesis proposal acceptance by their thesis committee chair by **Thursday, February 2, 2023 (application deadline)**.
- **Classified/non-student wage employees are ineligible to receive this award.**

Award & Expectations

- Fellowship amount: \$8,000 for doctoral students; \$6,000 for master's students.
- Term of award: Summer 2023
- Enrollment in summer coursework beyond dissertation or thesis credits must be approved in advance by the Associate Provost for Graduate Education.
- Selected awardees should concentrate on their research during the award period (May 25 – Aug. 24) and should not accept any additional fellowships, internal assignments nor outside employment.
- Student must submit a summary of the work produced by September 1, 2023.
- Student's thesis or dissertation committee chair must be willing to provide a written evaluation of student's work, at the conclusion of the fellowship, by September 1, 2023.
- **Doctoral students** are expected to apply to compete in Mason's 2024 3MT™ after completion of the fellowship. **Master's students** are expected to present a poster or make an oral presentation in the 2024 Mason Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference after completion of the fellowship. See [here](#) for more details.

Questions?

Contact Akitta Robertson at geaward@gmu.edu.
<https://graduate.gmu.edu/financial-support/grants-fellowships-awards/internal>

Application Process

Students must submit the following materials via the Office of the Provost application portal (located [here](#) or on our [website](#)) by **5:00 pm, Thursday, February 2, 2023**:

1. Strict Guidelines for Narrative

- Limit two pages; one-inch margins; double-spaced; Times, 12-pt. font.
- Student's full name and 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 (i.e. research travel, living expenses, etc.).
- State whether other funds have been sought or received for the work proposed.

3. Recommendation Approval Request

- Application approval is required from thesis/dissertation committee chair by **Friday, February 3, 2023**.
- All approvals by thesis/dissertation committee chair will be done **directly** via the Office of the Provost application portal. Once students have completed their application, an email will be sent directly from the portal with instructions on how to approve or reject the application.