**Frequently Asked Questions**

**AY 23-24 FSRA**

**What is the award period for the AY 23-24 FSRA?**

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. The budget should show how the funds will be used during this time period

**When are the award funds available.**

The Award funds are transferred to the department mid-July 2023.

**Should the FSRA project be for the entire year? Can it be longer than one year?**

The FSRA project must be for a period of time within the award year (AY 23-24).  The time-period can be short (3 months) or long (12 months).  If it is part of a bigger project that will be fine, but we would want to know which part the FSRA would support.  Please be sure to explain the significance of the smaller project and how it fits into the larger project.

**Can the project begin before the award period?**

If the project begins before the award year, the faculty member must acknowledge that they understand the funds will not be available until July 2023. If funds are needed before July 2023, the department would need to agree to advance the funds. This would need to be explained in the proposal.

**Who is eligible to apply for the FSRA?**

Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members and full-time professional track faculty who are Full or Associate Members of Graduate Faculty and serve on graduate student thesis and dissertation committees at the University of Maryland are eligible to apply. Faculty must be full time at the time of application and during the award period.

**Is the FSRA a faculty Award or a student Award?**

The FSRA is a faculty award. The award supports a faculty project that directly involves and/or supports graduate students.

**Can the project for the Faculty-Student Research Award be the student's doctoral dissertation project?**

Unfortunately, no. The FSRA is a faculty award for a faculty project in which a student is involved.  It is not meant to support a student's project since there are other awards at the Graduate School that are designed to support student research. A list of student awards can be found at [gradschool.umd.edu/funding/student-fellowships-awards](https://gradschool.umd.edu/funding/student-fellowships-awards).

**Who will be reviewing the FSRA applications?**

The FSRA review committee will be 14-15 faculty members from across campus from a wide range of disciplines. Please write the FSRA proposal so that faculty who are not in your field will understand the project and its importance in the field and more broadly.

Committee members do not have your expertise or background so please write your proposal for an educated non-specialist audience.