

2024 Google PhD Fellowship (Limited Submission)

Nurturing and maintaining strong relations with the academic community is a top priority at Google. The [Google PhD Fellowship Program](#) was created to recognize outstanding graduate students doing exceptional and innovative research in areas relevant to computer science and related fields. Fellowships support promising PhD candidates of all backgrounds who seek to influence the future of technology. Google's mission is to foster inclusive research communities. Students from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Applications are evaluated on the strength of the research proposal, research impact, student academic achievements, and leadership potential. Research proposals are evaluated for innovative concepts that are relevant to [Google's research areas](#), as well as aspects of robustness and potential impact to the field. Proposals should include the direction and any plans of where your work is going in addition to a comprehensive description of the research you are pursuing.

For more details about the fellowship, visit the Google PhD Fellowship website

[Google PhD Fellowship Program](#)

[Google PhD Fellowship FAQ's](#)

To be considered for Nomination

University of Maryland has been invited to nominate 4 students. To be considered for nomination, please follow the directions below.

Students must submit the required materials to their program coordinator by **Friday April 19, 2024**.

Programs must assemble the full package in a single PDF file (not bookmarked), and the file must be submitted to the Graduate School by **Friday, April 26, 2024**.

Important: Programs must internally vet their candidates and may submit no more than 4 candidates to the Graduate School for consideration. A Graduate School campus committee will select UMD's 4 nominees and submit the nominations directly to Google by their deadline.

Required materials (as listed in [Google FAQ's](#))

1. Cover sheet (or cover letter) signed by the Department Chair confirming the student passes eligibility requirements. (Eligibility requirements below)
2. Student CV with links to website and publications (if available)
3. Short (1-page) CV of the student's primary advisor
4. 2-3 letters of recommendation from those familiar with the nominee's work (at least one from the thesis advisor)
5. Research / dissertation proposal (maximum 3 pages, excluding references)
6. Student essay response (350-word limit) to: Describe the desired impact your research will make on the field and society, and why this is important to you. Include any personal, educational and/or professional experiences that have motivated your research interests.
7. Student essay response (350-word limit) to: Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes or contributed to group efforts over time. (A leadership role can mean more than just a title. It can mean being a mentor to others, acting as the person in charge of a specific task, or taking the lead role in organizing an event or project. Think about what you accomplished and what you learned from the experience. What were your responsibilities? Did you lead a team? How did your experience change your perspective on leading others? Did you help to resolve an important dispute at your school, church, in your community or an organization? And your leadership role doesn't necessarily have to be limited to school activities. For example, do you help out or take care of your family?)
8. Transcripts of current and previous academic records.

Programs, please prepare the complete nomination package in a single PDF file (not bookmarked) to the Graduate School by **Friday, April 26, 2024, by 11:59 pm**. Email **Robyn Kotzker** at rkotzker@umd.edu

If you have any questions, please contact me at rkotzker@umd.edu.

Thank you,

Robyn

Chair's Cover sheet: Google PhD Eligibility Requirements (as listed in [Google FAQ's](#))

- Students must remain enrolled full-time in the PhD program for the duration of the Fellowship or forfeit the award.
- Google employees, and their spouses, children, and members of their household are not eligible.
- Students that are already supported by a comparable industry award are not eligible. Government or non-profit organization funding is exempt.
- Past awardees from the PhD Fellowship program are not eligible to apply again.
- For incoming PhD students (Africa, India, Latin America and Southeast Asia),
 - Grant of the Fellowship does not mean admission to a PhD program. The awardee must separately apply and be accepted to a PhD program in computer science (or an adjacent field) at an eligible institution.
 - Grant of the Fellowship will be subject to the rules and guidelines applicable in the institution where the awardee registers for the PhD program.