



Kulkarni Foundation Tuition Assistance Award for Ronald E. McNair Scholars

Dr. Ashok Kulkarni, a distinguished alumnus of the India Institute of Technology and the University of Maryland Graduate School, generously endowed the **Kulkarni Foundation Tuition Assistance Award**. The Award provides support to doctoral students who have successfully completed the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program and who are in the latter stages of their UMD doctoral program. The Tuition Assistance Award provides a candidacy tuition award and a credit for mandatory fees for one semester.

Eligibility

The Kulkarni Foundation Tuition Assistance Award competition is open to McNair Scholars who have reached candidacy and who are in the latter stages of their doctoral program.

- Nominee must be a graduate of the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.
- Nominee must be in good academic standing.
- Nominee must have reached candidacy before of the semester of the award.

Please note, students already receiving tuition support from a different source are not eligible to receive tuition remission, but would be eligible to receive a credit for mandatory fees for one semester.

Award and Award Deadlines

The Kulkarni Foundation Tuition Assistance Awardees may receive the candidacy Tuition Award (899 only) for one semester and/or a credit for mandatory fees for one semester. The Graduate School will select two or more students for the award depending on funding availability.

The nomination deadline is January 15, 2025. Candidates may be nominated for the fall 2024 award or a spring 2025 award.

Nomination Instructions

A complete nomination must include:

1. **The Kulkarni Assistance Award Cover Sheet**
2. **Student-written letter** expressing financial need and how receiving this award will assist in writing/finishing doctoral completion. This letter should also provide information about plans for after graduation. (2-page maximum)
3. **Student's CV** (2-page maximum)
4. **Letter of support** from the student's Advisor. This letter should confirm the student is in good standing, explain why this student is being nominated, and confirm the student's timeline for graduation.

Nominees, please gather your cover sheet, letter, and CV and submit your program's coordinator. Advisors, please prepare your letter and submit it to your program's coordinator.

Your program will submit your nomination to the Graduate School Awards Portal.



Kulkarni Foundation Final Semester Assistance Award
Cover Sheet

A complete nomination must include: 1) This cover sheet; 2) the student-written letter (no more than two pages); 3) applicant's CV (no more than 2 pages); and 4) letter of support from the student's advisor.

Nominations are due to the Graduate School Awards Portal by January 15, 2025.

Student's Name: _____ Date _____

UMD Email Address: _____

Program/Department & College (use 4-letter codes): _____

As of Fall 2024, I am in the _____ year in the program (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th...)

Expected date of graduation: _____

Student's Advisor _____

Department's Director of Graduate Studies _____

Department Coordinator _____

What was your source of support for AY 23-24? _____

What will be your source of support for AY 24-25? _____

Please select one:

- ___ student requesting both tuition remission AND a credit for Mandatory Fees for Fall 2024
___ student requesting a credit for Mandatory Fees ONLY for Fall 2024
___ student requesting both tuition remission AND a credit for Mandatory Fees for Spring 2025
___ student requesting a credit for Mandatory Fees ONLY for Spring 2025

Director of Graduate Students Signature _____

Programs: Please gather nomination materials and prepare 4 PDF files. Then submit the four files to the Graduate School Awards Portal at https://terpengage.umd.edu/gsawards/s/

Questions: Please contact Robyn Kotzker (rkotzker@umd.edu).