



## **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 has been extended to March 15, 2025.** Candidates may be nominated for a spring 2025 award or Fall 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 you 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. Deadline has been extended. Nominations are due by March 15, 2025.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

UMD Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

As of Fall 2025, I am in the \_\_\_\_\_ year in the program (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th...)

Date of reaching Candidacy \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Department's Director of Graduate Studies \_\_\_\_\_

Department Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

What was your source of support for AY 24-25? \_\_\_\_\_

What will be your source of support for AY 25-26? \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one:

- \_\_\_ student requesting tuition remission AND a credit for Mandatory Fees for Spring 2025
\_\_\_ student requesting a credit for Mandatory Fees ONLY for Spring 2025
\_\_\_ student requesting tuition remission AND a credit for Mandatory Fees for Fall 2025
\_\_\_ student requesting a credit for Mandatory Fees ONLY for Fall 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).