



## **Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Institutionally-Funded Doctoral Scholar Award**

The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that works side-by-side with policymakers such as state legislators and education agency officials as they implement policies to help students achieve more, prepare students for college and careers, and boost college completion. One important SREB initiative is to increase faculty diversity by offering the [SREB Doctoral Scholar Award](#). The goal of the Doctoral Scholars Award Program is to increase the number of minority students who earn doctorates and choose to become faculty at colleges and universities.

SREB Doctor Scholars receive full-time graduate assistantship support, tuition remission, and payment of mandatory fees (spring and fall) for at least three years. SREB will cover the costs for the SREB Scholar to attend and participate in the **Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring** for each year the student is in the Doctoral Scholars program, and will pay for the student's UMD advisor to attend this conference for one of those years. In addition, SREB Scholars have access to professional development resources and opportunities.

UMD Program support of the SREB Doctoral Scholars program helps to promote a more diverse campus community. More information about SREB and the Doctoral Scholar Award can be found at [sreb.org](http://sreb.org).

The SREB Doctoral Award Program can be state-funded or institutionally-funded. Starting in Fall 2018, the Graduate School agreed to become an SREB Institutional Funding Partner.

### **UMD Institutional Funding Partner: Graduate School Agreement with UMD Program**

As an Institutional Funding Partner, UMD must agree to pay an annual fee to SREB for each scholar and provide the Doctoral Scholar with a full support package for at least three years. The Graduate School and the UMD program must agree to work together to provide this support for the Doctoral Scholar.

1. The nominee must meet eligibility requirements as stated on the [SREB website](#).
2. The Graduate School and the nominating department/program agree to a 50/50 cost-share of the \$3,250 annual fee. This fee needs to be paid each year for three years.
3. The nominating department/program agrees to provide full-time graduate assistantship support to the SREB Scholar for 3 years, and
4. The Graduate School agrees to pay the mandatory fees for each SREB Scholar for the spring and fall semesters each of the three years.

We invite programs to nominate eligible students for the Institutionally Funded Doctoral Scholar Award. The Graduate School is looking forward to supporting up to four SREB Doctoral Scholars each year.

Each department/program may nominate one student in the spring competition. **The Nomination Deadline is April 30, 2025.**

### **Nomination Instructions**

Please assemble these four items in a single PDF file and submit to [rkotzker@umd.edu](mailto:rkotzker@umd.edu) by **April 30, 2025**.

1. the nomination cover sheet
2. a nomination letter from the Director of Graduate Studies addressing the strength of the student.
3. a one-page statement from the student outlining how she/he will benefit from the SREB Doctoral Scholar Award Program.
4. the student's C.V.



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Nomination Cover Sheet

A complete nomination package includes: 1) the nomination cover sheet, 2) a nomination letter, 3) a one-page statement from the student, and 4) the student's C.V.

Programs, please assemble nomination materials in a single PDF file and submit to rkotzker@umd.edu by April 30, 2025.

Nominee's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Directory ID or (UMD Email address): \_\_\_\_\_

College/School (use 4-letter code): \_\_\_\_\_

Department (use 4-letter code): \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Graduate Studies: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation of Support

Program's support package for Doctoral Scholar:

AY 25-26 \_\_\_\_\_

AY 26-27 \_\_\_\_\_

AY 27-28 \_\_\_\_\_

The Graduate School and the nominating department/program agree to a 50/50 cost-share of the \$3,250 Doctoral Scholar Award annual fee. This fee needs to be paid each year for three years. \_\_\_\_\_(initials)

The nominating department/program agrees to provide full-time graduate assistantship support to the student for 3 years. \_\_\_\_\_(initials)

DGS Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_