



## **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 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.

- Applicants must be a graduate of the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.
- Applicants must be a Ph.D. candidate by December 1, 2020.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing.
- Applicant must expect to graduate by May 2022.

Please note, students holding a full- or half-time assistantship during the award period are not eligible, and McNair Graduate Fellows already receiving tuition support from a different source are not eligible.

### **Award and Award Deadlines**

The Kulkarni Foundation Tuition Assistance Awardees receive the candidacy Tuition Award (899 only) for one semester and a credit for mandatory fees for one semester. The Graduate School will select up to two students. One for the Fall Semester Award and one for the Spring Semester Award.

The deadline to apply for the Spring award is **November 6, 2020**.

### **Application Instructions**

A complete application 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** by applicant's Director of Graduate Studies. This letter should confirm the student is in good standing, explain why he/she is being nominated for this award, and confirm the student's timeline for graduation.

Applicants, please prepare your cover sheet, letter, and CV in a single PDF and submit it to the Graduate School Awards System at <http://apps.gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/>

Directors of Graduate Studies, please submit your support letter in a PDF file format to the Graduate School Awards System at <http://apps.gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/>



Kulkarni Foundation Final Semester Assistance Award
Application Cover Sheet

A complete application must include: 1) This application 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 Director of Graduate Studies (submitted by the DGS).

Award applications are due to the Graduate School by November 6, 2020

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

UID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Year in Program (as of Fall 2020) \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to defend your dissertation? \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor (name, email) \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Graduate Studies (name, email): \_\_\_\_\_

Department Coordinator (name, email) \_\_\_\_\_

What has been and will be your source of support (e.g., TA, RA, fellowship, self, other [specify]) for academic years listed below:

- AY 17-18 \_\_\_\_\_
• AY 18-19 \_\_\_\_\_
• AY 19-20 \_\_\_\_\_
• AY 20-21 \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying to receive the Tuition Assistance Award for the \_\_\_\_\_ Semester

Students: Please prepare your application materials in a single PDF file format and submit to the Graduate School Awards Portal at http://apps.gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/.

Director of Graduate Studies: Please submit your letter of support in a PDF file format to http://apps.gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/.