



Kulkarni Foundation Final Semester 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 Final Semester Assistance Award. The Award provides support to doctoral students who have successfully completed the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program and who are in their last year of their UMD doctoral program. The Final Semester Assistance Award provides a candidacy tuition award and a credit for mandatory fees.

Eligibility

The Kulkarni Foundation Final Semester Assistance Award competition is open to McNair Scholars who are at the final stages of their doctoral program. Eligible students are invited to apply.

- Applicants must be a graduate of the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.
- Applicants must be a Ph.D. candidate who is in good academic standing and who is in the last year of their doctoral program (Post-candidacy).

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 are not eligible.

Award and Award Deadlines

The Kulkarni Foundation Assistance Awardees receive candidacy Tuition Award for one semester and a credit for mandatory fees for one semester. The Graduate School holds two competitions for the Kulkarni Foundation Award. One for the Fall Semester Award and one for the Spring Semester Award.

The Fall 2018 application deadline has been extended to **noon on September 28, 2018**.

The Spring 2019 application deadline is **noon on November 1, 2018**.

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 PDF file format to the Graduate School Awards System at <http://apps.gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/>



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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).

Fall 2018 Semester Award applications are due to the Graduate School by noon on July 31, 2018.

Spring 2019 Semester Award applications are due to the Graduate School by noon on November 1, 2018.

Applicant's Name: _____

UID Number: _____

UMD Email Address: _____

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

Year in Program (as of Fall 2018) _____

When do you expect to defend your dissertation? _____

Expected Date of Graduation _____

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 15-16
AY 16-17
AY 17-18
AY 18-19

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

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