# THE
# GRADUATE SCHOOL

## KULKARNI SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
## ADVISOR / DGS LETTER INSTRUCTION SHEET

The Kulkarni Summer Research Fellowships provide support to outstanding University of Maryland doctoral students at "mid-career," that is, in the period approximately before, during, or after achievement of candidacy. Eligible students are graduates of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) who are enrolled in post-graduate studies at the University of Maryland.

The Kulkarni Fellowships are a cost-share program that provides research support for doctoral students at "mid-career" and enables recipients to devote a summer of focused work to prepare for or complete a key program benchmark.  The Fellowships carry a stipend of $5,000 with specific cost-share requirements which are detailed in the guidelines at gradschool.umd.edu/funding/student-fellowships-awards/kulkarni-foundation-summer-research-fellowship.

**Two letters of recommendation are required for each nomination**: These letters can help the multi-disciplinary committee better understand the student's project, the student's progress, and programmatic differences on campus.

**Advisor Letter:** The Graduate School requests a letter of recommendation from the student's advisor or the major professor with whom the student is working.  This letter should address the student's outstanding qualifications, the significance of the student's scholarship or research, and the student's timely progress through the program.

**DGS Letter:**  The Graduate School requests a brief letter of nomination for the DGS. This letter should confirm the student is in good standing and provide information about the student's academic discipline. Please comment on one or more of the following:

- **The department's expectation for time to degree and time to reach candidacy**
- **A typical publication record for a student in this field.**

**Programs:** These letters must be appended to the rest of the nomination materials to create a single PDF file. Departments/Programs must submit the entire nomination package to the Graduate School Awards System at gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/.

Please assemble the complete package and submit to the Graduate School by April 16, 2021.

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