



GRADUATE SCHOOL SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS
SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP & SUMMER INTERNSHIP FELLOWSHIP
(FOR SUMMER 2021)

In partnership with University of Maryland doctoral programs, the Graduate School is pleased to offer the Summer Research Fellowship and the Summer Internship Fellowship programs. These summer fellowships support research activities that advance a doctoral student's progress toward degree, as well as alternative learning experiences that advance a doctoral student's professional development.

We invite programs to nominate University of Maryland doctoral students who are at "mid-career," that is, in the period approximately before, during, or after achievement of candidacy. All Ph.D. programs are eligible to nominate candidates based on the nomination allocation schedule found in Appendix A.

The Summer Research Fellowship and the Summer Internship Fellowship programs carry a stipend of \$5,000, with the specific cost-share requirements outlined below.

There are two summer fellowship programs.

The Graduate School Summer Research Fellowships provide doctoral students the opportunity to concentrate fully on their own research and scholarship during the summer.

Eligible students will have excellent qualifications, will be making demonstrable progress through their program, and will be able to show that a summer of focused work will enable them **to prepare for or complete a key benchmark** in their program's requirements. *The goal of the fellowship is to help students to take a significant step toward the completion of their degree. The overall goals of the program are to reduce time-to-degree, increase degree completion, and enhance the quality of the graduate student experience.*

Up to 50 Summer Research Fellowships will be awarded for Summer 2021

The Graduate School Summer Internship Fellowships provide doctoral students the opportunity to accept unpaid summer internships that will advance their professional development and help prepare them to be successful for a broad range of career paths.

Eligible students will have excellent qualifications, will be making demonstrable progress through their program, and will be able to show that an unpaid internship will help prepare them **for a non-academic career path**. *The goal of the fellowship program is to prepare doctoral students for a broad range of career paths and to enhance the quality of the graduate student experience.*

Up to 20 Summer Internship Fellowships will be awarded for Summer 2021

NOMINATION DEADLINE: Noon, Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Fellowship Stipend and Cost-Sharing

The Summer Research Fellowship and the Summer Internship Fellowship programs are designed to be a partnership between the Graduate School and campus doctoral programs. The Fellowship stipend of \$5,000 is shared on a \$2,500 / \$2,500 basis by the Graduate School and the program making a nomination.

A nomination from a program will signify commitment to the cost-sharing agreement.

The Summer Research Fellowship and the Summer Internship Fellowship carry no tuition remission.

These summer fellowships are awarded to specific students and are not transferable to other students. Should the awarded student decline the award, the Graduate School will return its portion of unused funding to the fellowship pool and graduate programs will retain their portion of unused funding.

Eligibility

The Summer Fellowship Programs support students who are at “mid-career,” that is, in the period approximately before, during, or after achievement of candidacy. **Students should plan to graduate after August 2022.**

A student may not be nominated concurrently for the Summer Research Fellowship and the Summer Internship Fellowship in the same award year. Separate nominations for separate years is permitted.

Students may receive the Summer Research Fellowship only one time. Students may receive the Summer Internship Fellowship only one time. Fellowships may not be deferred.

The Summer Research Fellowship and the Summer Internship Fellowship programs are designed to fully support students over the summer.

- Teaching assistants and administrative assistants will not be eligible to teach or work during the summer of the award.
- Research assistants who must be in the lab to do their project must be relieved of lab duties that are not related to their research.
- The Summer Fellowship funding does not supplement a student’s graduate assistantship stipend or internship stipend. The Summer Fellowship funding replaces the student’s summer stipend or salary.

The Key Benchmark (Summer Research Fellowships)

Given disciplinary and programmatic differences across campus, programs and their nominees will have broad latitude in defining the key benchmarks that students will prepare for or complete. Some humanities programs, for example, have extensive reading lists that students must master for candidacy exams; some science programs may require students at a particular stage to acquire and demonstrate new laboratory methods or other techniques; programs in many disciplines across campus require dissertation prospectuses and, often, formal prospectus defenses. These benchmarks, among others, would be appropriate.

Professional Development (Summer Internship Fellowships)

Given disciplinary and programmatic differences across campus, programs and their nominees will be asked to explain how the internship will advance the student’s graduate education, professional development, and career goals. The nomination package should address the student’s qualifications, how the internship will advance the student’s professional development and career goals, and the student’s timely progress through the program.

Fellowship Selection Process

The Graduate School's Fellowship Selection Committee, representing academic disciplines from across the campus, will evaluate the nominations.

For the Summer Research Fellowship, selection decisions will be reached on the basis of the student's outstanding qualifications, the significance of the student's scholarship or research, the quality and feasibility of the proposed plan, and the student's timely progress through the program.

For the Summer Internship Fellowship, selection decisions will be reached on the basis of the student's outstanding qualifications, the significance of the professional development opportunity, how the proposed internship will help advance the student's career goals, and the student's timely progress through the program.

It is expected that the cohort of awardees will reflect the University's commitment to diversity.

Nomination Packages

All Ph.D. programs are eligible to nominate candidates for the Summer Research Fellowship and the Summer Internship Fellowship. Based on the 3-year average of degrees conferred, a nomination allocation schedule has been prepared and can be found in Appendix A. Please note, specializations and/or concentration areas within a degree program are not considered to be separate programs.

In making nominations, programs are urged to consider the University's commitment to diversity.

Summer Research Fellowship Nomination packages

1. The Summer Fellowship Nomination Cover Sheet
Found at: <https://gradschool.umd.edu/funding/student-fellowships-awards/qs-summer-fellowships>
2. A specific proposal, authored by the nominated student and no more than two pages, stating:
 - a) the nature of the work to be accomplished during the summer;
 - b) a plan for its execution;
 - c) the specific benchmark(s) that this award will enable the student to meet; and
 - d) a clear indication of how the summer project fits within the program's timetable for completing graduation requirements**Students are asked to write for an educated lay audience**
3. A **letter from the student's advisor** or the major professor that addresses the student's outstanding qualifications, the significance of the student's scholarship or research, and the student's timely progress through the program
4. A **letter from the student's Director of Graduate Studies** confirming that the student is in good standing and explain why he/she is being nominated for the fellowship, provide insight on your program's expectation for time to degree, and provide information about a typical publication record in the student's discipline
5. The student's curriculum vitae (no more than two pages)

Programs must assemble the above materials in a single PDF file and submit to the Graduate School Awards System at apps.gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/.

Students should be made aware of any internal departmental deadlines.

Summer Internship Fellowship Nomination packages

1. The Summer Fellowship Nomination Cover Sheet
Found at: <https://gradschool.umd.edu/funding/student-fellowships-awards/gs-summer-fellowships>
2. A specific proposal, authored by the nominated student and no more than two pages, stating:
 - a) the nature of the work to be accomplished during the summer;
 - b) how the internship will advance the student's graduate education;
 - c) how the internship will advance the student's career goals; and
 - d) a clear indication of how the summer project fits within the program's timetable for completing graduation requirements;**Students are asked to write for an educated lay audience;**
3. A **letter from the student's advisor** or the major professor that addresses the student's qualifications, how the internship will significantly advance the student's professional development and career goals, and the student's timely progress through the program;
4. A **letter from the student's Director of Graduate Studies** confirming that the student is in good standing and explain why he/she is being nominated for the fellowship, provide insight on your program's expectation for professional development and time to degree
5. The student's curriculum vitae (no more than two pages).

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Reporting

At the end of the summer, the student will submit to the Graduate School a brief but specific report (no more than one page in length).

Contact

Please direct questions to Robyn Kotzker in the Office of Funding Opportunities (rkotzker@umd.edu / 5-0281).

APPENDIX A

Nomination Allocation Schedule	
AY 2021-22 Graduate School Summer Fellowships	
3-year Average of PhD Degrees Conferred	Nomination Allocation*
30 + degrees per year	5
11 - 29 degrees per year	4
6 - 10 degrees per year	3
5 or fewer degrees per year	2

*indicates total number of nominations permitted from program in the aggregate for both summer fellowships (research and internship) (if nomination allocation is 2, the program can nominate 2 students total (not 4))

Program	Nomination Allocation*
CMSC - Computer Science	5
ENEE - Electrical Engineering	5
ENME - Mechanical Engineering	5
PHYS - Physics	5
BIOE - Bioengineering	4
BISI - Biological Sciences	4
BPHD - Business and Management	4
CHEM - Chemistry	4
ECON - Economics	4
ENAE - Aerospace Engineering	4
ENCE -Civil Engineering	4
ENMA - Materials Science and Engineering	4
GVPT - Government and Politics	4
MATH - Mathematics	4
PSYC - Psychology	4
TLPL – Teaching and Learning, Policy and Leadership	4
AMSC - Applied Mathematics, Statistics, Scientific Comp	3
AMST - American Studies	3
ANSC - Animal Sciences	3
AOSC - Atmospheric and Oceanic Science	3
BCHL - Behavioral and Community Health	3
COMM - Communication	3
CRIM - Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
EDHD - Human Development	3
EDMS - Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation	3
ENCH - Chemical Engineering	3
ENGL - English Language & Literature	3
GEOG - Geographical Sciences	3
HIST - History	3
MEES - Marine, Estuarine, & Environmental Sciences	3
NACS - Neuroscience and Cognitive Science	3
POSI - Policy Studies	3
SOCY - Sociology	3
ALL REMAINING PhD PROGRAMS	2