Overview

Summer Fellowships for doctoral students who are recipients of the Presidential Scholarship provide financial support during the summer term. The intent of the award is to allow students to make significant progress toward degree completion and to support students’ professional development goals.

Summer Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis. Applicants must submit materials to the Office of the Provost by Monday, February 29, 2016 (see Application Process). Recipients will be notified by Monday, March 28, 2016.

Eligibility Criteria

- You are an active Presidential Scholar for spring 2016 semester.
- You will not hold an assistantship or accept outside employment during the award period.
- You have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 after the spring 2016 semester.
- You will be continuing as a student in fall 2016.

Award

- Fellowship amount: $7,350.
- Term of award: Summer 2016 (May 25 – August 24).
- Your dissertation chair/advisor must be willing to provide a written evaluation of your work at the conclusion of the fellowship.
- You must submit a summary of the work produced at the conclusion of the summer.

Application Process

Applicants must submit the following materials directly to Akitta Robertson (provgrad@gmu.edu) by 5 pm, Monday, February 29, 2016:

1. Strict Guidelines for Narrative
   - Limit two page; one-inch margins; double-spaced; Times, 12-pt. font.
   - Student’s full name and degree program must appear in the header on each page, e.g., "Jane Doe, PhD Communication".
   - Include brief description of dissertation research.
   - Include specific plans and goals for summer and how they will help you progress in your degree or support your professional development goals.

2. Budget Statement
   - Limit 500 words; one page, one-inch margins.
   - Describe clearly how the funds will be used/allocated.
   - State whether other funds have been sought or received for the work proposed.

3. Letter of recommendation
   - One letter of recommendation is required from dissertation chair/advisor and should include verification of eligibility.
   - Letter must be submitted directly to the Office of Graduate Education: provgrad@gmu.edu.