

Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship

Deadline: March 15th at 12pm to your Graduate Coordinator

The Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship (GDDF) aims to increase dissertation and thesis completion amongst doctoral and MFA students. This award is intended for students in their final year of graduate study who have realistic expectations of degree completion during the 2024-2025 academic year. The award is intended to allow students to forgo their non-research-related employment obligations to concentrate on completing their degree.

Award Amount

The Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship (GDDF) offers \$5,000 during the summer of 2024 for students who are close to completing their dissertation or thesis in the 2024-2025 academic year. To maximize the number of students that this fellowship can support, awards will be granted for the summer only.

Stipulations

- GDDF fellows are required to file their dissertation during the 2024-2025 academic year and must file their degree no later than summer 2025
- Department/Schools/Colleges will be required to re-pay the awarded funds to the Graduate Division if the filing requirement is not met
- GDDF fellows are no longer eligible for Graduate Division fellowship funding after the end of the summer fellowship term
- If students have applied for and accepted Financial Aid or Work-Study awards and subsequently receive any fellowships, the additional support may affect their eligibility for need-based financial aid. Students should contact the office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to determine their eligibility will be affected
- Students should review the terms of any funding that they have accepted to ensure that they are eligible to receive additional fellowship fundings

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees must be enrolled full-time in a Ph.D. or MFA program and nearing the completion of their dissertation or thesis
- Nominees must be enrolled in Fall 2024 and file for graduation no later than Summer 2025
- Nominees must provide evidence in their application that the timeframe to file their degree is reasonable
- Nominees must maintain a 3.0 GPA
- Although employment during the fellowship period is not recommended, it is permitted.
- Nominees may not be past their academic program's maximum time-to-degree

- United States Citizens, Permanent Residents, AB540, and International Students are eligible to be nominated

Application Materials

- [GDDF Student Application Form](#)
 - Student statement (500 words max)
 - Brief description of status of research and progress to date
 - Detailed plan and timeline for competition
 - Explanation of how the fellowship will help complete degree within timeframe.
Review the application for additional details
- Description of past employment while a graduate student
- List of all extramural, departmental, and Graduate Division fellowships or other financial support received, including pending applications with year and amount
- Supplemental Documents
 - Curriculum Vitae (CV)
 - Unofficial transcript
 - Letter of recommendation from dissertation committee chair

Apply

Please submit your application materials to your Graduate Coordinator by **March 15th at 12pm.**

Contact

For questions, contact fellowships@exchange.uci.edu.