

NDSU College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships—Limited Submission Competition

Deadline: Friday December 3, 2021 at 1:00 pm CST

Request for Applications

The NDSU College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies is pleased to announce the availability of Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships for Spring/Summer 2022. These awards are designed to increase the completion rate of Ph.D. students. We anticipate that we will be able to issue multiple one-semester awards.

Description of the Program

Subject to budget allocations and the availability of funds, support will be available for terms of 4-months:

- Term 1: January-April, or
- Term 2: January-July

to enable students to dedicate their time **exclusively** to their dissertation. The stipend level will be \$2,500 per month and it may be augmented from other sources (but the student is not to have additional employment). In addition, up to \$2,500 may be awarded for research supplies and to support student travel for presentations at national/international meetings during the term of the award.

EPSCoR award recipients are ineligible

Because of the limited number of awards, we will accept only ONE application per program per term. Applications must be made by the students and include the program endorsement provided by their graduate program coordinator (or department chair/head if there is not a graduate program coordinator). Students must have advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. before funding can begin. In addition, students are expected to complete their dissertation during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Primary Evaluation Criteria:

- Quality & Clarity of Research Summary and Credentials of the Ph.D. student
- Likelihood of completion of degree requirements during fellowship period

Proposal Requirements Checklist

Submit your materials as one electronic document in the following order:

1. **Cover Page** that states the student's name, department and/or program, contact information, date student passed or is scheduled to complete candidacy examination (prelims), GPA, as well as the adviser's name, office address, phone number, and email address. In addition, please provide a list of your committee members, their contact information, and their department or program.
2. **Research Summary** a two-page narrative describing the proposed research **written by the student in nontechnical language**. The research summary may not be a project description that is taken from a grant proposal or other document. The summary should be double-spaced and use Arial font no smaller than 11 pt.
3. **Projected Timeline** for completion of the doctoral degree by the applying student. The timeline should include what has been completed on the dissertation project, what work remains, and any other remaining degree requirements.
4. **Advisor Letter** evaluating the likelihood of the student completing their degree requirements during the fellowship year (no more than one page)
5. **Program Endorsement Form** (contact your program head for this form) completed by Graduate Program Coordinator or Department Head

Forms must be submitted electronically by: **Friday December 3, 2021 at 1:00 pm CST for Term 1 or 2** to: Benton Duncan benton.duncan@ndsu.edu.

Please direct your questions to Benton Duncan, Interim Dean of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies at benton.duncan@ndsu.edu

Program Endorsement Form

_____ has been selected by the
_____ program to compete for a Spring 2022 Doctoral
Dissertation Fellowship

Graduate Coordinator/Dept. Chair/Head **Date**
