



University Graduate Fellowships: Call for Applications 2019-2020

For the 2019-2020 academic year, Graduate Studies anticipates distributing approximately \$1,000,000 in University Graduate Fellowship (UGF) funding to doctoral programs.

Fellows are appointed as Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs) and up to nine hours of tuition, course, and technology fees are sponsored. The standard GRA stipend is \$16,000, and tuition support averages between \$7,500 and \$8,000, bringing the average total fellowship package to \$24,000.

Departments are not required to apply for all three fellowships in order to be eligible for consideration. This choice should be indicated in the application. Departments may only be awarded one of each type of fellowship.

A department/program may apply for:

- First-year fellowship for a first-year doctoral student;
- First-year fellowship for a first-year underrepresented domestic doctoral student;
- Dissertation-year fellowship for a current doctoral student

First-year students are qualified if they are starting their first year in the doctoral program. Students who have completed a bachelor's degree or master's degree from KU are eligible only if they are starting a new PhD program. First-year fellows may be either domestic or international students.

First-year underrepresented students are eligible if they are a domestic student of an underrepresented group within that field of study. Applications should address how underrepresented is defined in that discipline.

Dissertation-year students are eligible if they are starting their final year of study and are preparing for defense of their dissertation after this year of fellowship. Dissertation-year fellows may be either international or domestic students.

Application

Departments should complete the [application](#) by Tuesday, September 4th. Late submissions will not be considered; submissions made not using this form will also not be considered. Departments can expect to receive the results of the competition no later than Tuesday, October 5th.

Selection

Proposals will be reviewed based on the quality of the application submitted. Each of the four items identified will be given equal weight. Departments with previous awards will also be evaluated on the success of previous fellowships.

Administration

The stipend for each fellowship will only be distributed as a 9-month GRA stipend (.5 appointment). Graduate Studies will provide a minimum stipend of \$16,000 plus fringe. Requests for stipends above this level are allowed, but must be explicitly requested and justified in the proposal. Departments may supplement the graduate research fellowship stipend with additional scholarship funds or funds to increase the GRA pay rate. Fall and spring tuition support is limited to nine credit hours, and summer tuition is not available. The Fellowships will cover course and technology fees, but will not pay for campus fees.

Departments will be responsible for providing support beyond the first year of study for students receiving the first-year fellowships.

Departments awarded support must identify the fellowship student(s) no later than April 19, 2019.

Questions may be addressed to graduate@ku.edu or by phone at 864-8040.