



## UCF Graduate Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship

The **Graduate Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship** aims to increase dissertation completion among doctoral students. This award is intended for students in their final semester of graduate education who have a realistic expectation of degree completion in the Spring semester. The award will allow students to forgo their non-research related employment obligations to concentrate on completing their dissertation.

Each college should nominate students based on their demonstrated ability to complete high quality dissertation research and the assurance that the awarding of the fellowship will allow the student(s) to complete their dissertation and graduate at the end of the term.

### Fellowship Details:

The UCF Graduate Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship provides a stipend of \$10,000 for the Spring semester, tuition support (not including fees), and health insurance. It is expected that recipients will have completed all course work for their degree and will register for 3 credit hours of dissertation.

### Nomination Deadline:

Submission to the College of Graduate Studies at [gradfellowship@ucf.edu](mailto:gradfellowship@ucf.edu): November 15. Students should speak with their program director about the deadline to submit to their Dean's office for nomination consideration.

### Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible for consideration for the UCF Dissertation Completion Fellowship, the nominee must meet the following requirements:

- A doctoral candidate in good academic standing
- Anticipated to complete her or his doctoral degree by the end of the Spring semester
- Students supported on university fellowships or certain external fellowships (NSF Graduate Research Fellowships, NASA Fellowships, etc.) are not eligible
- Students holding this award cannot have concurrent full-time on-campus or off-campus employment or be employed as a GTA/GA or adjunct instructor at UCF (employment as a GRA is acceptable if the assignment relates to the completion of the student's dissertation research)

### Nomination Process:

Colleges should submit nominations electronically to [gradfellowship@ucf.edu](mailto:gradfellowship@ucf.edu).

When submitting the nomination to [gradfellowship@ucf.edu](mailto:gradfellowship@ucf.edu), please provide:

- The student's name and UCFID
- A letter from the dissertation chair describing the substance of the dissertation, its significance, and anticipated completion date.
- A document **from the doctoral candidate** including a one-page summary of the project written in non-technical language, a detailed time-line for completion of the dissertation (including information on the most recent chapter completed), and a 250-word statement expressing why the fellowship would assist with the completion of the doctoral degree.

### Financial Aid Implications:

Federal regulations require, when students have need-based financial aid (meaning student loans, not assistantship stipends or fellowships), that the federal need as established by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) cannot be exceeded. In addition, total aid awarded (what you would receive in loans added to the non-loan support that is guaranteed in this offer letter) cannot exceed the cost of attendance. If this occurs, a portion of the financial aid package (the loan portion) will be reduced or canceled. If you have questions, visit <http://finaid.ucf.edu> or contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance at (407) 823-2827 or [finaid@ucf.edu](mailto:finaid@ucf.edu).

### More Information

For more information, contact the College of Graduate Studies fellowship office ([gradfellowship@ucf.edu](mailto:gradfellowship@ucf.edu) or 407-823-2766) in Millican Hall 230. Visit [www.graduate.ucf.edu](http://www.graduate.ucf.edu) for graduate programs, admission requirements and guidance, and the online graduate application.