



UCF Doctoral Research Support Award

The College of Graduate Studies is offering a Doctoral Research Support Award to assist students with dissertation research expenses. The award is available to doctoral students who have passed their qualifying examination(s) or the equivalent and are in Doctoral Candidacy status. Award amounts will be a minimum of \$500 (maximum amounts may vary by college but are not to exceed \$2,500). Funding will be disbursed through the Office of Student Financial Assistance either as a direct deposit or by check (mailed to the current mailing address of record). Please note that 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 Doctoral Research Award) cannot exceed the cost of attendance. If this occurs, a portion of the financial aid package (the loan portion) will be reduced or canceled. The disbursement of the Doctoral Research Award will first apply to any account balance that is still owed to UCF. Students may receive a maximum of one Doctoral Research Support Award.

Application Deadline

Interested applicants should speak with their Dissertation Advisor about their college's application deadline(s). Colleges submit award details to gradfellowship@ucf.edu for consideration.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Doctoral student in good academic standing who has passed the program's qualifying examination(s) or the equivalent.
- A dissertation committee on record with the College of Graduate Studies.
- Full-time enrollment in dissertation hours during the Doctoral Research Support Award application term.
- Submission of a complete award proposal (see below for requirements).

Application Requirements

To be considered for the Doctoral Research Support Award, applicants must submit the Doctoral Research Support Award application and specify how the funding will support their dissertation research. Research-related expenses anticipated for the academic year that should be considered with the nomination include, but are not limited to:

- Expenses related to data collection, e.g., conduct interviews, engage in ethnographic or archival research.
- Provide incentives (such as gift cards) for research participants to take part in the dissertation research study.
- Attend trainings or workshops for the development of specialized research-related skills.
- Purchase specialized equipment (i.e., not a standard laptop or desktop computer), supplies, and software needed to conduct the research or perform sample analysis.

This award **does not** provide funding for students to attend or present at conferences or professional meetings. Students interested in this type of funding should apply for a Presentation Fellowship through the College of Graduate Studies.

Questions?

Office of Graduate Funding, Professional Development and Scholarship, College of Graduate Studies, Millican Hall 230
(gradfellowship@ucf.edu or 407-823-4337 or 407-823-0127)

UCF Doctoral Research Support Award Application

Applications must be endorsed by the applicant's Dissertation Advisor and Program Director and submitted to the College Graduate Dean's Office by the deadline set by the academic college.

In addition to this award application cover sheet, a Doctoral Research Support Award application must include the following information:

- A one-page (maximum) summary of the project written in non-technical language.
- A detailed timeline for dissertation completion and defense.
- A complete budget that highlights the research-related expenses for which the student is requesting funding (e.g., accommodations, software, specialized equipment) and an explanation how this is required for the research. Include other sources of funding supporting the overall research project. Be as specific as possible and include projections for individual dollar amounts for each expense.

Selected candidates will be notified by the College of Graduate Studies. Awarded funds will be disbursed to the recipient through the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

Applicant Information

Name of Applicant _____

UCF ID _____

UCF Email _____

Name of Dissertation Advisor _____

Advisor's Email _____

Working Title of the Dissertation _____

Qualifying Exam (if applicable) Completion Semester (e.g., summer 2020) _____

Candidacy Exam Completion Semester (e.g., summer 2020) _____

Has your Doctoral Committee/Candidacy Status Form been approved by your Program Chair? Yes No

Signatures

Applicant

Print _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Dissertation Advisor/Chair

Print _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Graduate Program Director

Print _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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