Overview

Dissertation Completion Grants are awarded to doctoral students in the final semester of their dissertations. The Grants enable students to focus full time on research and writing, improving quality of the work, and shortening the time to complete their degrees.

Dissertation Completion Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Applicants must submit materials to the Office of the Provost by Friday, October 27 (see Application Process to the right). Recipients will be notified by Friday, November 3, 2017.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be full-time doctoral students.
- Applicants must have completed course requirements, passed all required written and oral exams, and have advanced to candidacy.
- Applicants must communicate regularly with their dissertation chairs.
- Applicants must be able to complete their dissertations by the summer 2018 dissertation submission deadline.

Award

- Grant amount: $10,000.
- Tuition amount: Up to 3 credits of 999.
- Term of award: Spring 2018 semester.
- No assistantship or outside employment may be held during the award period.
- Students enrolled in the Subsidized Graduate Health Insurance plan will maintain their policies for the duration of the plan year.

Application Process

Students must submit the following materials by 5 pm, Friday, October 27, 2017:

- Student’s full name, degree program, and G number must appear in the header on each page, e.g., "Jane Doe, PhD Communication, G55555555".
- Abstract: A summary of dissertation research (no more than 1/2 page).
- Significance of this research to the field of study (no more than 1/2 page).
- Progress made to date and plan for completion within the award timetable (no more than 1/2 page).
- Letter of recommendation from dissertation chair (must be submitted by dissertation chair directly to the Office of Graduate Education: provgrad@gmu.edu).

Submission

Complete applications should be emailed to the Office of Graduate Education at provgrad@gmu.edu by 5 pm, Friday, October 27, 2017.

Questions?

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Provost.gmu.edu/graduate-education/grad-ed