Graduate Inclusion & Access Scholarship

The Graduate Inclusion & Access Scholarship seeks to support the growth and development of an inclusive graduate community at George Mason University.

At Mason we believe “diversity is our strength.” An inclusive graduate student community is essential to enhance the quality of the intellectual environment for all of our students and faculty.

This scholarship, awarded on a competitive basis, is available to doctoral students from disadvantaged and/or underrepresented groups in their respective fields of graduate study.

Eligibility Criteria:
- First-generation college student (defined as neither parent having earned a four-year degree in the U.S.)
- Cumulative GPA of 3.3 or better (most recent degree)
- Full admission as a new, incoming student into a George Mason University doctoral program without provisions or conditions within the Volgenau School of Engineering or the College of Science
- Financial need, as determined by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or an Alternate Needs Assessment Form (available in Financial Aid)
- All scholars must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, or have DACA, political asylum, or Temporary Protective Status (TPS).

Selection Criteria:
- Demonstrated need for financial resources to successfully complete a graduate program
- Demonstrated record of professional/extra-curricular achievement
- Successful essay which demonstrates ability and motivation to overcome disadvantage or discrimination, and potential to provide a unique perspective in research or other areas

Scholarship recipients are eligible for up to five (5) years of renewed financial support, dependent upon the student maintaining: (a) full-time enrollment as defined by the University Catalog; (b) good academic standing; and, (c) a cumulative GPA of 3.5 for the duration of scholarship eligibility. Recipients are advised they will be required to hold a graduate teaching assistantship within their field of study for two (2) of the scholarship’s five (5) years.

Awarded financial support includes:
- Annual stipend of $25,000 per academic year (9-month contract with possibility of summer funding)
- Tuition support of 18 credits per academic year
- Subsidized Graduate Health Insurance offered annually

A full application packet must be submitted to the Graduate Admissions Office of George Mason University (https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now). Follow instructions for a Graduate-Degree Seeking Student for fall 2018.
The following materials must also be submitted as part of the scholarship application:

- Responses to essay prompts as described in the online application.
- PhD Mathematics and PhD Civil and Infrastructure Engineering applicants must also submit GRE scores (general test), as these were not part of their original graduate application.

Applications due: February 1, 2018
Decisions announced: March 1, 2018