Overview

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

Dissertation Completion Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Applicants must submit materials to the Office of the Provost by Friday, October 12 (see Application Process to the right). Recipients will be notified by Friday, November 16, 2018.

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 chair.
- Applicants must be able to complete their dissertation by the summer 2019 dissertation submission deadline.

Award

- Grant amount: $10,000.
- Tuition amount: Up to 3 credits of 999.
- Term of award: Spring 2019 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 policy for the duration of the plan year.

Application Process

Students must email the following combined materials by 5 pm, Friday, October 12, 2018:

- 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: To be emailed separately by dissertation chair.

Submission

Complete applications should be emailed to the Office of Graduate Education at provgrad@gmu.edu by 5 pm, Friday, October 12, 2018.

Questions?

Contact Akitta Robertson, provgrad@gmu.edu or 703.993.8912

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