
Spring 2022 Dissertation Completion Grants

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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 their 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 Monday, November 1, 2021 (see **Application Process** to the right). Recipients will be notified by Friday, December 3, 2021.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be doctoral students listed in university records as being full-time during the fall 2021 semester. Applicants are responsible for confirming that the appropriate forms (e.g. [Full-time Equivalent Status form](#), etc.) are filed with the Registrar's Office so that their enrollment status is appropriately recorded.
- 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 and committee members.
- Applicants must be able to meet the University's summer 2022 final dissertation submission deadline of 5 pm, Friday, August 5, 2022. See library.gmu.edu/udts for more information.

Award

- Grant amount: \$11,000.
- Tuition amount: Up to 3 credits of 999.
- Term of award: Spring 2022 semester.
- Selected awardees should concentrate on completing their dissertation during the award period and should not accept any additional internal assignments nor outside employment.
- Students **currently** enrolled in the Subsidized Graduate Health Insurance plan for the 2021-22 academic year will maintain their policy for the duration of the plan year.
- Monthly progress report (one page) during the award period.
- Recipients will be required to compete in Mason's 2022 3MT® competition held during the spring 2022 semester. Students are also encouraged to present a poster or make an oral presentation at the 2022 Mason's Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference. More information pertaining to these events will be made available by November 2021.

Application Process

Students must submit the following combined materials (one pdf attachment) through the online application portal by 5 pm, Monday, November 1, 2021:

- Abstract: A summary of dissertation research (1/2 page).
- Significance of the research to the field of study (1/2 page)
- Please use this [table of contents](#) or equivalent indicating progress made to date and plan for completion within the award timetable, by the summer 2022 deadline (1 page).
- Approval will be routed to the student's dissertation chair and program director. Approvals must be received by 5 pm, Friday, November 5, 2021.

Submission

Applications should be submitted through the application link, located on our website by 5 pm, Monday, November 1, 2021.

Questions?

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