Graduate School Dissertation Awards

Purpose: The Graduate School Dissertation Award is a competitive award intended to provide final term funding for UF PhD candidates in select majors in the humanities, arts, and social sciences to complete their dissertations through defense, final clearance by the Editorial Office, and graduation. This program is for students who have exhausted all funding. Applicants may not receive a fellowship, assistantship or similar funding with this award. The award should allow recipients time and resources to focus exclusively on their dissertation.

Terms: Students selected for the Dissertation Award will receive a $10,000 scholarship for one approximate six-month period: either from the Summer B term through Fall Semester, or from the Spring Semester through the Summer A term. It is expected that the recipient will graduate by the end of Fall for students receiving the award for Summer B/Fall, and in Summer C for students receiving the award for Spring/Summer A. (There is no advanced degree graduation at the end of Summer A). Funding is restricted to one award per student. The award includes up to 5 credits of tuition assistance at the in-state rate (3 credits for Fall or Spring, 2 credits for Summer A or Summer B). This award does not include out-of-state tuition, fees, or health insurance.

Eligibility: Applicants must be recommended by their dissertation chair or advisor, and endorsed by the department chair and college dean. Applicants must be in the final year of their PhD Program at UF, in good academic standing, and they must be approaching the end of their dissertation work. Recipients must have reached Admission to Candidacy for the PhD (passed qualifying exams and defended the dissertation research proposal) prior to the application deadline, and must demonstrate that they are well on track for document submission and graduation. The Dissertation Award may not be used to supplement or in conjunction with other assistantships or fellowships. Recipients cannot be employed in the UF system.

Funds for the Graduate School Dissertation Award are limited, so there is no guarantee of receiving an award. Funding will be determined based upon the student’s history of support, academic merit, the likelihood that the dissertation will be completed within the funding period, and the quality of the dissertation components submitted with the application.

To apply, the following materials must be submitted:

- Application Packet
  - Application form
  - Endorsement page signed by dissertation chair, department chair and college dean
- Dissertation abstract
- Proposal summary
- A letter of recommendation submitted by the doctoral dissertation chair or advisor, and signed by the student’s dissertation committee.
- A timeline for completing the dissertation.
- A curriculum vita outlining past scholarly, professional and/or artistic activities.
- An electronic copy of the dissertation in progress.

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