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## 2018 Summer Doctoral Fellowships

The School of Graduate Studies announces the availability of Summer Doctoral Fellowships of \$5000, plus a waiver of tuition, to support doctoral students who will spend full time on their dissertation research in the summer of 2018.

To be considered for a fellowship, the student:

1. Must be enrolled as a doctoral student during the 2018 Spring Semester.
2. Must not be graduating in August 2018.
3. Must not hold a concurrent financial award for the summer.
4. Must be committed to spending full time on the doctoral dissertation for a two and one-half month period, May 14 – August 5, 2018.
5. Must register for at least six credits in the 2018 Summer Session, normally in 999 (or a maximum of one class other than research or dissertation credits in unusual circumstances).
6. Must have an approved Topic Proposal for the dissertation filed in the School of Graduate Studies.
7. Must not have previously received a Summer Doctoral Fellowship award.

Applications must be filed with the School of Graduate studies no later than **March 1, 2018**. Applications will be reviewed by members of the Graduate Committee. The Graduate Committee is made up of elected representatives from the graduate faculty and serves as the executive council of the graduate faculty. The application should be written clearly and should be comprehensible to those outside the applicant's field. Please do not simply copy your Proposal of Dissertation which is written for colleagues in your field. The 2018 doctoral fellowship funding will be directed toward research related to the Grand Challenges set out by the One UND Strategic Plan and, thus, further our success in developing a profile in those key areas. The application must include the following:

1. An application letter (maximum of one page single-spaced and 12 point font) describing (a) current academic status, (b) a projected schedule for the completion of doctoral study, and (c) a statement describing how the fellowship time will be spent.
2. A statement (maximum three pages single-spaced) describing the study, including:
  - a. A description of the problem
  - b. Current knowledge relative to the problem
  - c. The significance of the proposed research
  - d. The methods to be used in the research
  - e. The anticipated results of the research
  - f. The relationship of the proposed research to one or more One UND Grand Challenges

Statements over three pages will not be reviewed.

3. Three letters of recommendation are required; one from the student's advisor, one from a member of the student's dissertation committee, and one from the department chair or graduate program director. If there is more than one application from a department, the chairperson will rank the applications. **The recommendation letter should include specific information about the student's progress in the doctoral program, addressing the student's ability to complete the study described in the research statement, specifically the methods, the anticipated outcomes and the significance of the proposed research.**
4. The completed application and supporting recommendations must be filed with the School of Graduate Studies prior to the end of the business day on **March 1, 2018**.
5. Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline will be returned and not reviewed.

The Graduate Committee will select the awardees based on the quality of the application, including clarity and completeness, the potential contribution to Grand Challenges, and on the qualifications of the student to complete the study. Applications will be evaluated shortly after the deadline. Applicants will be notified in writing of the results.

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**Deadline: March 1, 2018**

### **CHECKLIST** (Incomplete applications will not be reviewed)

- Application letter including current mailing address
- Statement describing the study
- Letter of recommendation from advisor
- Letter of recommendation from a member of the dissertation committee
- Letter of recommendation from the department chair or graduate program director

**Please submit all of the above by hardcopy to:**

UND School of Graduate Studies  
Twamley Hall, Room 205