

Terminal Degree Fellowship

INTRODUCTION:

The Office of Graduate Studies is committed to supporting students enrolled in doctoral and terminal degree programs at Towson University. The purpose of the Towson University Graduate Student Fellowship program is to advance the excellence of graduate students. The fellowship includes a tuition waiver (for up to six credits per semester) and a \$3000 stipend.

Fellowships are awarded to students on the basis of (a) the scholarly merit of their work, and (b) the potential for the fellowship to enhance their professional experience. Each graduate program may nominate one student for consideration per academic year, and a maximum of one student per program will receive the award each year. Contingent upon available funds, the Office of Graduate Studies will award a maximum of five fellowships per academic year, such that not every program will have an award recipient. Priority will be given to students who are working on their dissertation/thesis requirements for graduation as substantiated by their advisor or program director and/or have not received the fellowship previously.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Students must be accepted and enrolled in a terminal degree program at Towson University (i.e., doctoral or Master of Fine Arts).
- Students must maintain full-time enrollment for the duration of the fellowship (i.e., two semesters of at least six credit hours or one hour of dissertation per semester for doctoral students; two semesters of at least nine graduate credits per semester for MFA students)
- Students must maintain continuous enrollment and good academic standing during the entire tenure while on a fellowship (graduate GPA of at least 3.0 for each semester of the award).
- Fellowships are single-year awards; a student may apply for and receive a maximum of two Graduate Student Fellowship awards.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

To be considered for the fellowship, the following materials must be submitted electronically as a single submission to gradstudies@towson.edu by the fourth Friday in March:

- A joint letter of nomination from the Graduate Program Director and the student's advisor that addresses the scholarly merit of the student's work in a manner that will be understandable to non-experts.
- An unofficial copy of the student's Towson University graduate transcript.
- A 1,500-word personal statement in which the student addresses how the graduate fellowship would enhance their professional experience (i.e., create unique and valuable opportunities to further their work and/or professional development) and advance knowledge within their field (i.e., intellectual merit) and/or further a potential contribution to society at large (i.e., broader impact) in a manner that will be understandable to non-experts.
- A current copy of the student's résumé or CV

-Approved by the Graduate Studies Committee on Feb 12, 2021