

The Temple University Graduate School is pleased to announce a competition for summer research awards for domestic doctoral students at Temple University who are traditionally underrepresented in their field of study. The purpose of these awards is to provide eligible students with funding to encourage their pursuit of research activity in the first, second, and/or third summers of their graduate studies.

The First Summers Research Initiative (FSRI) Award is valued at \$6,000. Applicants can apply each summer until they achieve candidacy. Preference is given, however, to first-time applicants.

What criteria must be met when applying for the FSRI Award?

- Enrollment in a Ph.D. program at Temple University in which the student is considered underrepresented in her/his field of study (i.e., as an ethnic minority or as a woman in the STEM disciplines), as determined by both National Science Foundation data and Temple demographics
- U.S. citizenship
- A minimum GPA of 3.5 at the time of the award
- A formalized mentorship for the summer research experience with a faculty member at Temple University
- Submission of a detailed plan for the mentored summer research experience prepared by the applicant and her/his faculty mentor, along with a cover letter from the mentor

What criteria disqualify an applicant?

- Receipt of financial aid from Temple University in the form of fellowship, assistantship, internship, or externship or employment as a student worker during the summer award period
- Enrollment in coursework other than directed or independent research/study during the summer award period

What outcomes can awardees expect?

- Development of research techniques and methodologies for use in dissertation research
- Preparation and defense of the dissertation prospectus
- Analysis and organization of data and information collected during the summer research experience for:
 1. Presentation at the Annual Graduate Fellows Research Symposium in early Fall 2018
 2. Presentation at a discipline-specific national meeting
 3. Publication in a journal

How do I apply for the FSRI Award?

- Complete the attached application.



Application for the First Summers Research Initiative Award 2018

Graduate School

DEADLINE: Friday, March 23, 2018

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SECTION 1: CONTACT INFORMATION

Form with fields: Name (Last, First and Middle), TUid, Current Mailing Address (including City, State, and Zip Code), Telephone (beginning with Area Code), Temple Email

SECTION 2: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Form with fields: Citizenship (checkbox U.S. Citizen), Ethnicity (checkboxes African American, Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Other Specify: _____)

SECTION 3: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Form with fields: Field of Study at Temple University, Term and Year Admitted to Ph.D. Program, Term and Year Passed Comprehensive Exams (checkbox Not yet taken)

SECTION 4: PROPOSED SUMMER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Form with fields: Title of Proposed Research, Name of Faculty Mentor

SECTION 5: REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- checkbox Detailed plan for the mentored summer research experience
checkbox Cover letter demonstrating support by the faculty mentor for the summer research experience

Please return completed form and supporting documentation to:

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