Darden College of Education Dissertation Fellowship
for Academic Year 2018-2019

Description: Up to four dissertation fellowships will be awarded with the intention of supporting students full-time in their final year of doctoral studies while they are completing their dissertations. Applicants must have completed at least 3 terms of full-time doctoral work or the equivalent of part-time doctoral work by the time that the award is to be received and must be projected to complete their final dissertation defense within the upcoming academic year. Students must be enrolled full-time during the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters and must devote full-time to their academic studies.

Award Amount: Stipend of $15,000 and up to 18 credit hours of in-state tuition

Criteria for Selection: Applications are reviewed by a panel of Graduate Program Directors (GPD) from each department. In selecting fellowship recipients, the following criteria will be considered:
• Superior academic performance compared to peers during doctoral studies
• Promise for success as a doctoral-level professional
• Potential of applicant to make a significant contribution to the field

Application Process: To apply, please include all of the following items in one application package, assembled electronically.

1. Award application form with applicant’s signature;
2. A statement of (a) what you believe will be the potential impact of your dissertation research on future research and/or applications; and (b) what career path you hope to pursue after completing your dissertation;
3. A current resume or curriculum vitae;
4. A current graduate transcript;
5. A statement from your dissertation chair must be submitted that addresses the following issues: (1) the applicant’s academic performance compared to his or her peers during doctoral studies; (2) the applicant’s promise for success as a doctoral-level professional; (3) the applicant’s progress in the dissertation process up to this point and a projection of the month and year that the applicant will most likely successfully defend the final dissertation; (4) whether the applicant intends to devote full-time to doctoral studies during the next academic year; (5) scholarly activities in which the applicant will engage in the next academic year while completing the dissertation; and (6) detailed plans for the dissertation chair’s mentoring relationship and activities with the applicant during the next academic year.
6. A description of the dissertation project that addresses the following sections: (1) introduction section should situate your study within a larger research context and explain why the study is important and timely; (2) literature review section that briefly describes the relevant bodies of research knowledge that informs the dissertation work; (3) design and methods section that identifies methods and study’s research design; and (4)
description of work and/or findings to date, if applicable. This description is not your
dissertation proposal. It should be limited to three pages.

Deadline: Complete applications must be received by the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies on
or before January 22, 2018.

Send your complete package of application materials to:
Ashlee Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Associate Deans
4301 Hampton Boulevard, Suite 3200, Norfolk, VA 23429
acsmith@odu.edu
Darden College of Education Dissertation Fellowship
Application Form

Name (Last, First, MI):

Preferred Mailing Address:

Daytime Phone Number(s):

Preferred Email Address:

Name of Department:

Name of Doctoral Program:

Dissertation Chair:

My signature on this form indicates that I meet all eligibility requirements for this award and I will devote full-time to my academic studies during the term of the award.

Applicant’s Signature:

Date:

DEADLINE:

Complete applications must be received by the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies on or before February 1, 2017.