

- i. Student must enroll full-time in a minimum of 9 graduate credits per semester.
- ii. Student must not be financially sponsored by any other organization or hold any active employment.
- iii. Student must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher in the Masters degree.
- iv. Student must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher at the PhD level.

b) For international students:

The following additional factors apply to the selection criteria:

- i. The ranking and research classification of the institution from which the applicant received his/her Masters degree.
- ii. Applicant's prior research experience and its relevance to UAEU research.
- iii. Applicant's publication record.

C. DURATION OF AWARDS

- a) Fellowships are awarded for a maximum period of 4 years.
- b) A faculty member may request only one semester extension for a Fellowship with documented justification. The request must be made during the first month of the student's last semester of the award term.
- c) A Fellowship award is valid for its duration provided the student
 - i. Continues to meet the eligibility criteria every semester and
 - ii. Receives very good performance appraisal from his/her research supervisor based on an evaluation that the supervisor completes of the student's research work and submits it to the College of Graduate Studies at the end of each semester.
- d) If the recipient of an award becomes ineligible by failing to meet any of the aforementioned requirements, he/she will forfeit the award automatically and will be notified by the College of Graduate Studies accordingly.

D. DUTIES AND EXPECTATIONS

- a) Each Fellowship recipient must devote a minimum of 10 hours per week throughout the year to work as a research assistant with his/her faculty supervisor.
- b) Each Fellowship recipient is required to publish one research paper in a refereed, indexed journal in the student's discipline area of research.