

semester, except when students are registered in dissertation credits) during the term of award. Exceptions must be justified and are to be recommended by the PhD Program Coordinator and approved by the College Dean and the Dean of CGS.

- A PhD Scholarship recipient who is receiving salary from any other source will be entitled to all benefits except the monthly stipend. Also, PhD scholarship students who take up employment elsewhere and become part-time students after completing the residency period (see Residency Requirement in the PhD Program policy) will be entitled to single housing only.
- Scholarship recipients are required to be available and on duty at the University throughout the year, including during the Winter and Spring Breaks and Summer, except on official holidays. Furthermore, recipients are entitled to a total of 25 paid leave days, which they should take when classes are not in session, especially in the Summer. Leave requests must be coordinated with the students' supervisors and approved by the respective College Deans.
- Approved leave of absence from study as defined in the Graduate Studies Policies will not be counted in the term duration of the award.
- Stipend payments will discontinue during an approved leave of absence, however, other benefits (e.g., insurance and housing support) may continue.

Availability of Opportunities

Opportunities for PhD Scholarships and Fellowships are normally available at the time of admission into the PhD Program. The number of awards made each year may vary depending on the availability of funds.

Awards

PhD Scholarships and Fellowships are awarded for a total period not to exceed four years provided the recipient continues to meet the eligibility criteria of the award, and subject to availability of funds. A student may request one extension for up to two semesters, with documented justification.

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate Assistants are typically full-time graduate students (Master and Doctorate levels) who participate in teaching, research, or administrative activities in exchange for financial support at the University.

Graduate Assistantships may be awarded to graduate students who, based on their credentials, are deemed likely to be highly successful as students and are also assessed as being capable of contributing to research, teaching, or service for the university.