

## University Libraries Graduate Student Research Fellowship

We are pleased to announce a new round of the University Libraries Graduate Student Research Fellowship, a program designed to support the pursuit of excellent graduate research at George Mason University! This program is made possible by the generosity of many donors (including alumni, friends, and university faculty and staff) who contributed to the creation of the Libraries' Student Research Endowment, with the initial challenge gift coming from the members of the Libraries' Advisory Board.

**One fellowship of \$2,500 is available for the 2025 calendar year** for a graduate student currently pursuing their master or doctoral degree at George Mason University and conducting research for their Thesis or Dissertation. The award is for one year and is not renewable. **In addition to award funds, the student fellow will be assigned a dedicated graduate study carrel in Fenwick Library** for their use during the year in which they receive the award. The fellowship is for one calendar year and is not renewable.

Awarded funds may be used for expenditures related to conference attendance and/or travel for research related to the student's research project; applied to the student's account for academic expenses; or designated towards acquisition of library research materials and/or digital infrastructure and tools needed for the student's specific research project.

### Criteria and Eligibility

- Open to currently enrolled master or doctoral degree students at George Mason University in any formally advanced field of study conducting Thesis or Dissertation level research.
- The student must be in good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 3.5.
- The application will be evaluated for exemplary research skills and proposed utilization of the Libraries' services, resources, and expertise for the graduate-level research project.

### Application Requirements

Please send the following as attachments via email to [library@gmu.edu](mailto:library@gmu.edu) by 11:59 p.m., Friday, October 18, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted.

- Thesis proposal or dissertation abstract.
- Statement of interest (750-1,500 words) addressing the role of the Libraries' resources in the applicant's research plans; proposed use of funding (i.e. travel for research or conference plans; research materials or tools to be acquired; etc.); and expected outcomes.
- Brief curriculum vita.
- Academic transcript (unofficial accepted).

In addition, a George Mason University department chair or graduate coordinator in the applicant's field of study must separately submit a Letter of Support via e-mail to [library@gmu.edu](mailto:library@gmu.edu) by 11:59 p.m., Friday, October 18, 2024. Late letters will not be accepted.

### Selection Process

Graduate Student Research Fellowship applications will be reviewed by a selection committee appointed by the Dean of Libraries. The selected recipient will be notified prior to the end of the fall semester.