

# Proposal for Summer Research Fellowship

## INSTRUCTIONS

Students wishing to apply for a summer fellowship must submit a Proposal to Director of Graduate Studies by April 20. This proposal is to be written by the student and should address of the following points:

1. Brief description of summer research plans, including the names of any associated UMD faculty.
2. Preparation for research (past course work, grade point average, literature work, seminar attendance, current research, etc.)
3. Available financial support. While financial need will be taken into consideration, those students who have already arranged for some sort of summer support are not to be considered at a disadvantage. Partial or supplemental fellowship awards will be considered by the Committee. In particular, students are encouraged to seek independent career-related employment as a means of broadening their backgrounds.

The statement of financial needs, as well as an approved Graduated Degree Program Form must be submitted to the department no later than the proposal. In general, preference for summer support is given to students who have passed or have registered to take the comprehensive examination.

It should be emphasized that this support is not intended to be a reward for past service, but rather is given in anticipation of substantial effort on your project or thesis. You are expected to maintain contact with your advisor over the summer and to keep your advisor apprised of your progress. Moreover, for those students who have found additional funding from other university sources, the Department's summer support is not intended as a means of raising a student's summer salary over the 100% GRA level. As such, the Department retains the right to reduce its summer fellowship support of a graduate student in order to maintain a total university level of support of not more than 100% time.

After completing their summer research project, all students are required to submit a brief Final Report approved by the Advisor to Director of Graduate Studies by September 1 and give a short presentation about their research at Graduate Colloquium.