



Call for Applications:

Provost's Summer Research Grants

Provost's Summer Research Grants accelerate degree completion for doctoral students by supporting them while they conduct dissertation research during the summer. They provide up to \$5,000 per student to cover: living expenses during the summer (if the student does not have a summer stipend from their department), travel to research sites, lodging at research sites, research equipment, technology purchases, software purchases, survey research expenses, etc. Provost's Summer Research Grants will only cover expenses during the summer, May 13-Aug 23, 2024.

Eligibility:

Doctoral students who do not have summer research support from other sources. Students are only eligible for one Summer Research Grant during their time as a graduate student at SMU.

Application:

Applications will be reviewed starting **April 22, 2024**, and on a rolling basis thereafter until funds are exhausted. Applications should be submitted via the [online form](#) and should include:

- Rationale (up to 750 words) describing the research to be undertaken, its relationship to the applicant's dissertation project, a timeline for the summer research, and how the summer research fits into the applicant's overall timeline for degree completion
- Budget for expenses to be funded by the grant, not to exceed \$5,000 in total

In addition, a letter of support from the applicant's advisor or director of graduate studies, including an explanation of how the grant will support the applicant's timely completion of the dissertation, should be sent by email to Dr. Alan Itkin, aitkin@smu.edu.

Terms:

Awardees will be selected based on the potential of the award to enhance their ability to complete a strong doctoral research project and defend their dissertations in a timely fashion. Final decisions will be made in consultation with school and college dean's offices. Awards will be provided in a single payment up front. By **September 15, 2024**, awardees will submit a report by email (aitkin@smu.edu) confirming that they completed the research they proposed.