

*Who is the party responsible for obtaining Department Chair and College Dean signatures?*

- The student should check with the academic unit. This should be decided by the academic unit in conjunction with the Dean's Office. Some units have the student walk the application to the various offices; other units have an internal routing process.

*I have an appointment as a graduate assistant or fellow during the term of the award. Can I keep this funding, if I receive the Graduate School Doctoral Dissertation Award?*

- No. you cannot be on any assistantship, fellowship or other award during the award period.

*Does this award come with any kind of tuition assistance?*

- Yes, the Graduate School will pay the in-state tuition and fees for the minimum number of credits for the term of the award (3 credit hours for Spring and Fall; 2 credit hours for Summer).

*I am NOT a Florida resident. Do I have to pay the out-of-state portion of the tuition and fees to accept this award?*

- Yes, for the term of the award you must pay the out-of-state portion of the tuition and fees (the Graduate School will pay the in-state tuition and fees). Consult the Office of the Registrar's website to determine, if you might be eligible for Florida residency according to UF criteria: <http://registrar.ufl.edu/services/residencychange.html>.
- Academic units are permitted to contribute toward the difference in out-of-state tuition and fees via their scholarship process.

*I am an international student. Do I have to pay the out-of-state portion of tuition and fees to accept this award?*

- Yes, for the term of the award you must pay the out-of-state portion of the tuition and fees (the Graduate School will pay the in-state tuition and fees).
- Academic units are permitted to contribute toward the difference in out-of-state tuition and fees via their scholarship process.

*Is the health insurance provided with the Graduate School Doctoral Dissertation Award?*

- No. You will be responsible for paying for the health insurance during the term of this award.

*What is the "E-mail of Support" from my Supervisory Committee Member?*

- An E-mail of Support is a brief statement from your committee members, in the form of an e-mail, expressing their approval of your award application, confirming your good academic standing and progress you are making in writing your dissertation.
- E-mails of Support should be sent directly to the applicant (student) and included in his/her single PDF file application package.

*I have not defended my dissertation proposal. Can I still apply for the award?*

- No. You must have successfully defended your dissertation proposal before this award's application deadline.

*I am a new PhD student, during my first years of study. Am I eligible for this award?*

- No. The Graduate School Doctoral Dissertation Award is a competitive, need based award program to provide final stage funding over an approximate period of 4-6 months for UF PhD candidates, who have exhausted all other avenues of support.
- This award will allow recipients the time and resources to focus exclusively on their dissertation through defense, final clearance, and graduation.
- For the final payment, you must have a degree application on file for your semester of intended graduation.