



GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES

GSG Graduate Continuance Fellowship Grant

GRANT INFORMATION

Statement of Purpose. Colorado School of Mines graduate students are often times funded through multiple sources, including government institutions (e.g., National Science Foundation) and industry, through teaching and research assistantships. At a minimum, funding covers the cost of performing research, but may also include tuition assistance and/or stipends for the graduate research assistants. Over the course of a doctoral research career (commonly five years), this funding may become unstable or be eliminated altogether. Without diversity in funding sources, assistantship support may be reduced or eliminated for students who have become accustomed to such support. The purpose of this grant program is to provide partial assistance for late-term graduate students in their final semester that will allow them to complete their degree when a primary funding source has been prematurely terminated.

Eligibility. Potential applicants must be enrolled part- or full-time in a thesis-based Masters or Doctoral graduate program at the Colorado School of Mines, and must be in “good standing” with the University. Eligible students must have received funding from Colorado School of Mines (in the form of either teaching or research assistantships) for at least three academic semesters (excluding summer terms) without interruption prior to the date of application, and must show a recent and complete loss of funding (and thereby an elimination of institutional support).

M.S. students must have completed all required coursework (excluding research credit) for their degree, and must show intent to graduate within 6 months of the application date. Ph.D. students must have successfully defended their Thesis Proposal (or equivalent benchmark, when appropriate) and show intent to graduate within 6 months of the application date. Applications may be considered if the student can show unusual circumstances which make their residence time at the University longer than these requirements.

Funding is not guaranteed, and remains entirely at the discretion of the Fellowship Committee. If funding is approved, the student is entitled to a maximum of \$5,000 for one semester in financial assistance for tuition and fees (paid directly to the registrar), and \$4,000 for one semester (dispersed in a one-time stipend). Excess allocated funding for tuition and fees may not be retrieved in another form. Students who are awarded the Graduate Continuance Fellowship are not eligible to re-apply within their current degree program.

Application. Students may submit a completed application to the Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies at any point in the academic year. The application will be reviewed by the Assistant Dean to be in accordance with the above-stated eligibility; completed applications will be sent to the Fellowship Committee (comprised of the GSG Executive Board). The Fellowship Committee shall review applications and will either (1) recommend approval of the award; (2) send the application back with a request for additional information; or (3) deny the award.

The Grant application includes the following components:

- Applicant profile (please complete below), submitted with resumé or CV
- Highly technical research description, citing publications and proceedings (500 words or less)
- Statement of graduation timeline (100 words or less, per eligibility requirements)
- Complete list of previous funding sources for the student’s current degree program, and summative description of annual research expenses
- Statement of how funding was lost (200 words or less)
- Statement of alternative funding sources student is able to pursue (200 words or less)
- Two letters of recommendation: From academic advisor (300 words or less) and from your “At-Large Committee Member” (as per the Graduate Handbook), specifically outlining your novel contributions to the field (300 words or less)
- Copy of your previous year’s United States federal tax return, clearly indicating your household income for the previous 12 months (or equivalent, for international students)

If awarded, the applicant must provide a one-page summary of academic activities performed over the award period; this summary must show significant progress toward graduation. Applicants may be asked to present a summary of their research activities at a GSG Council meeting within 12 months of application; submittal of a complete Fellowship application requires the applicant to meet this requirement, if requested, within 12 months of application date.



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Date of Submission: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Degree-Granting Department: _____

Name of Primary Academic Advisor: _____

Name of Department Head: _____

Mines CWID Number: _____

How many semesters of graduate school have you completed at Mines? _____

How many internships have you taken *during* your graduate education (please indicate paid vs. unpaid internship experiences): _____

Anticipated semester of degree completion (circle one): Fall | Spring | Summer of 20_____

Requested assistance amount for *tuition and fees* (\$5,000 maximum): \$_____

Requested assistance amount for *graduate stipend* (\$4,000 maximum): \$_____

Were you previously funded on an RA or TA contract through your department? _____

Have you previously applied for, or received, this Fellowship? _____

Have you completed all coursework (excluding research credits)? _____

At the time of application, are you a M.S. or Ph.D. Candidate (circle one)? Yes No N/A

Do you plan to suspend your Program if you do **not** receive this Fellowship? Yes No N/A

Department Head signature verifying completion of coursework and thesis proposal: _____

In addition to this profile, please attach the following pieces of information:

1. Current resumé or curriculum vitae (CV)
2. Highly technical research description, citing publications and proceedings (500 words or less)
3. Statement of graduation timeline (100 words or less, per eligibility requirements)
4. Complete list of previous funding sources for the student's current degree program, and summative description of annual research expenses.
5. Statement of how funding was lost (200 words or less)
6. Statement of alternative funding sources student is able to pursue (200 words or less)
7. Letter of recommendation from academic advisor (300 words or less)
8. Letter of recommendation from your "At-Large Committee Member" (as per the Graduate Handbook), specifically outlining your novel contributions to the field (300 words or less)
9. Copy of your previous year's United States federal tax return, clearly indicating your household income for the previous 12 months (or equivalent, for international students)

Please submit this completed profile, with the attachments listed above, to the Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies (Student Center, Room E140). Your application will be reviewed by the Assistant Dean (for eligibility) and the Graduate Student Government for decision.