



Kulkarni Foundation Tuition Assistance Award for Ronald E. McNair Scholars

Dr. Ashok Kulkarni, a distinguished alumnus of the India Institute of Technology and the University of Maryland Graduate School, generously endowed the **Kulkarni Tuition Assistance Award**. The Award provides support to doctoral students who have successfully completed the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program and who are in the latter stages of their UMD doctoral program. The Tuition Assistance Award provides a candidacy tuition award and a credit for mandatory fees for one semester.

Eligibility

The Kulkarni Foundation Tuition Assistance Award competition is open to McNair Scholars who have reached candidacy and who are in the latter stages of their doctoral program.

- Applicants must be a graduate of the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.
- Applicants must have reached candidacy by August 1, 2021 (for a Fall award) or by January 1 (for a Spring Award)
- Applicants must be in good academic standing.
- Applicant must expect to graduate by August 2022.

Please note, students already receiving tuition support from a different source are not eligible to apply for tuition remission, but may apply for a credit for mandatory fees for one semester.

Award and Award Deadlines

The Kulkarni Foundation Tuition Assistance Awardees receive the candidacy Tuition Award (899 only) for one semester and a credit for mandatory fees for one semester. The Graduate School will select two or more students. One for the Fall Semester Award and one for the Spring Semester Award.

The deadline to apply for the Spring award is **December 8, 2021**

Application Instructions

A complete application must include:

1. **The Kulkarni Assistance Award Cover Sheet**
2. **Student-written letter** expressing financial need and how receiving this award will assist in writing/finishing doctoral completion. This letter should also provide information about plans for after graduation. (2-page maximum)
3. **Student's CV** (2-page maximum)
4. **Letter of support** from the student's Advisor. This letter should confirm the student is in good standing, explain why this student is being nominated, and confirm the student's timeline for graduation.

Applicants: please prepare your cover sheet, letter, and CV in a single PDF and submit it to the Graduate School Awards Portal at apps.gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/

Advisors: Please prepare your letter in a PDF file and submit to the Graduate School Awards Portal at apps.gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/



Kulkarni Foundation Final Semester Assistance Award
Cover Sheet

A complete application must include: 1) This cover sheet; 2) the student-written letter (no more than two pages); 3) applicant's CV (no more than 2 pages); and 4) letter of support from the student's advisor.

Award applications are due to the Graduate School by December 8, 2021

Student's Name: _____ Date _____

UMD Email Address: _____

Program/Department & College (use 4-letter codes): _____

Year in Program (as of Fall 2021) _____

Expected date of graduation: _____

Student's Advisor _____

Department's Director of Graduate Studies _____

Department Coordinator _____

What was your source of support for AY 20-21? _____

What will be your source of support for AY 21-22? _____

Please select one:

___ applying for both tuition remission and a credit for mandatory fees for Spring 22

___ applying for a credit for mandatory fees only (tuition remission is coming from another source)

Students: Please prepare your application materials in a single PDF file format and submit to the Graduate School Awards Portal at apps.gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/.

Advisor: Please submit your letter of support in a PDF file format to apps.gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/.

Questions: Please contact Robyn Kotzker (rkotzker@umd.edu).