

HOW TO APPLY

A student and sponsoring faculty member submit a complete application, including:

- **An application cover sheet**
- **A recommendation letter** from the sponsoring faculty member at the home institution. The letter should describe the research project, the nature of the student's participation, how the project will benefit from the student's participation, and how the student's participation will enhance his or her research.
- **An endorsement letter** from the graduate student's academic advisor, if different from the sponsoring faculty member.
- **A statement from the student** outlining how participation in the project will benefit both the project and the student's individual research.
- **A statement from the home institution** indicating its commitment to fund the student according to the guidelines specified under Partnership and Funding.
- **A statement from the host institution** indicating its commitment to fund the student according to the guidelines specified under Partnership and Funding.
- **The student's curriculum vitae** of no more than two pages.

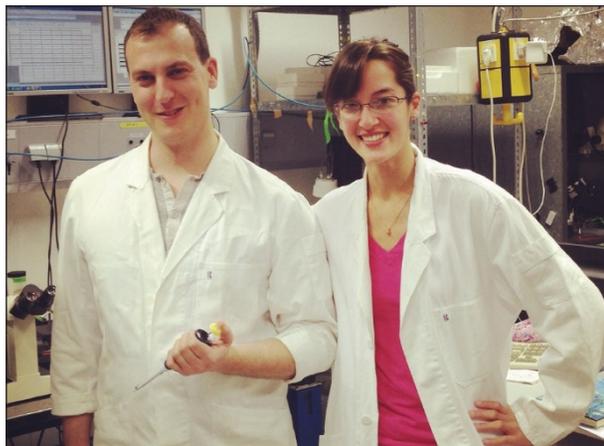
Please prepare these materials as a single PDF file and submit to the Graduate School via email: IGRF@umd.edu.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

For more information, please visit:

<http://go.umd.edu/igrf>

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



Aminah Sheikh (right) with postdoctoral researcher Jerome Mordel at the Institute of Physiology and Pathophysiology, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany.

“The IGRF provided me with hands-on experience learning a new physiology recording technique and with one-on-one mentoring from a postdoctoral researcher in the host lab. It also expanded my professional network and gave me a broader perspective on how labs across the globe operate and interact with one another. I'll never forget this opportunity. It changed my life.”

—Aminah Sheikh,
Doctoral Student, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science



“The IGRF afforded me the opportunity to interact with several professors and students in the engineering lab at the École Normale Supérieure. As a result, we were able to advance a new collaborative project and to plan further collaborations.”

—Lakshmi Krishnan,
Doctoral Student, Electrical Engineering

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ABOUT IGRFs



A team of UMD doctoral students in cybersecurity, among the first IGRF recipients, worked with researchers at Zhenjian Gong Shang University in China.

International Graduate Research Fellowships (IGRFs) take advantage of ongoing collaborations colleagues to provide graduate students with a significant research experience in an international context. The fellowships are designed to enhance the faculty collaborations and to broaden the participating student's knowledge, perspective, and network.

UMD Students

IGRFs provide opportunities for UMD graduate students to join collaborative research projects housed at institutions outside of the United States.

Students Outside of the U.S.

IGRFs also provide opportunities for graduate students from countries other than the United States to join collaborative research projects housed at UMD.

HOW IT WORKS

Partnership and Funding

IGRFs are a partnership between the UMD Graduate School, the student's home institution (the college or graduate program for UMD students), and the host institution. The three partners agree to sponsor the student for a total of approximately \$4,500–\$6,000 (USD) to cover travel and living expenses. For UMD students traveling abroad, the UMD Graduate School, UMD college or program, and host institution each provide one-third of the cost (up to \$2,000). For international students traveling to UMD, the UMD Graduate School provides one-third of the cost and the student's home institution provides two-thirds. In some circumstances, contributions to costs may be in-kind.



Faculty-Student Collaboration

A faculty member sponsors a doctoral student or, in exceptional cases, a masters student to participate in a collaborative international research project abroad. The sponsoring faculty member and the student submit a complete application.

Duration and Criteria

The fellowship period is one to three months at any time during the year. The student's participation must benefit *both* the collaborative project and the student's individual research. The research can be in any discipline and can involve work in the lab, in the field, or in the library or archives.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Faculty Members

A faculty member engaged in an international collaboration that would benefit a graduate student sponsors the student for an IGRF

Students

A student asks a faculty member engaged in an international collaboration to sponsor the student for an IGRF.

Institutions

An institution outside of the U.S. formally partners with the UMD Graduate School to offer this opportunity to students and faculty from both institutions.

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