

UA Doctoral Fellowships

Distinguished Doctoral Fellowships. Distinguished Doctoral Fellowships (DDF) are combined with graduate assistantships to provide a package of support totaling \$41,096 per year (2023-2024 academic year), a tuition waiver, and further benefits. These awards may be renewed for up to three years following the initial year while maintaining normal progress in the degree program.

The DDF is a highly competitive fellowship that requires excellent academic credentials for qualification:

For students entering with a master's degree:

- GPA > 3.80
- GRE Analytical Writing score of 4.5 or better
- Strong letters of recommendation
- Completion of a research-based Master's Thesis (Publications derived from that thesis would be considered as a strong positive addition to the application)

For students entering with a bachelor's degree:

- GPA > 3.65
- GRE Analytical Writing score of 4.5 or better
- Strong letters of recommendation
- Evidence of undergraduate research accomplishments (Participation in undergraduate research with special consideration given to those participating in competitive programs such as NSF-REU programs)

Considered financial aid, the DDF fellowship is valued at \$22,000 per year and paid out in two lump-sum payments (fall and spring) while enrolled. Distinguished Doctoral Fellows concurrently hold a half-time, 12-month Graduate Assistant position in the Department of Education Reform, requiring 20 hours of research work per week. This assistantship comes with an annual taxable stipend of \$19,096 while enrolled, a full tuition waiver for degree-related coursework, and a partially subsidized health insurance program. Students are responsible for miscellaneous fees. The combined annual income support for a Distinguished Doctoral Fellow is \$41,096.

Doctoral Academy Fellowships. Doctoral Academy Fellowships (DAF) are combined with graduate assistantships to provide a package totaling \$31,096 per year (2023-2024 academic year), a tuition waiver, and further benefits. These awards may be renewed for up to three years following the initial year while maintaining normal progress in the degree program.

DAF Qualifications:

For students entering with a master's degree:

- GPA > 3.65
- GRE Analytical Writing score of 4.0 or better

- Strong letters of recommendation
- Completion of a research-based Master's Thesis (Publications derived from that thesis would be considered a strong positive addition to application)

For students entering with a bachelor's degree:

- GPA > 3.50
- GRE Analytical Writing score of 4.0 or better
- Strong letters of recommendation
- Evidence of undergraduate research accomplishments (Participation in undergraduate research with special consideration given to those participating in competitive programs such as NSF-REU programs)

Considered financial aid, the DAF fellowship provides \$12,000 of support annually. Doctoral Academy Fellows concurrently hold a half-time, 12-month Graduate Assistant position in the Department of Education Reform, requiring 20 hours of research work per week. This assistantship comes with a taxable annual stipend of \$19,096, a full tuition waiver for degree-related coursework, and a partially subsidized health insurance program. Students are responsible for miscellaneous fees. The stipends are paid out in two lump-sum payments (fall and spring) while enrolled. The combined annual income support for a Doctoral Academy Fellow is \$31,096.

EDRE Departmental Fellowships

Most students admitted to the Department of Education Reform (EDRE) will qualify for and receive Distinguished Doctoral Fellowships (DDF) or Doctoral Academy Fellowships (DAF) sponsored by the Graduate School. Students who are granted admission to EDRE but who do not receive one of the Graduate School fellowships can apply for a Departmental Fellowship. The purpose of Departmental Fellowships is to support the diversity, equity, and inclusion goals of the Department, the College, and the University and, also, to ensure that enough qualified graduate students are available to assist with the many education policy research initiatives being performed by EDRE faculty.

To be eligible for a Departmental Fellowship, a student must:

- Be an entering first-year doctoral student;
- Be accepted into the EDRE doctoral program;
- Not have been awarded a DDF or a DAF; and,
- Be capable of succeeding in the EDRE doctoral program as judged by the faculty and supported by information in the student's application file.

A Departmental Fellowship provides a recipient with financial and employment benefits equivalent to those of a DAF, including the complete waiver of tuition and fees, a graduate assistantship, and a fellowship stipend. Recipients of the Departmental Fellowship are expected to provide 20 hours of research support per week to an assigned faculty member. Departmental Fellowships are provided to each student for a maximum of four years, conditional on the student making sufficient progress in the EDRE doctoral program as judged by the EDRE faculty.