



Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship

Policies and Guidelines

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Purpose:

- Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship (CDF) awards are to recognize and recruit outstanding and exceptional new full-time domestic graduate students who are pursuing a doctoral program at Missouri S&T, and support them so they may finish their degree in a timely manner.

Fellowship Benefits:

- \$28,000 annual fellowship support for up to four years* (for a 12-month tenure period the fellowship is prorated in whole month increments of \$2,333).
- Full tuition and fees support for up to four years*.
- \$1,250 annual research conference travel allowance for up to four years*.
- CDF recipients will be provided with professional development opportunities.

Policies and Guidelines:

- CDF is contingent on being admitted to a doctoral program at Missouri S&T.
- All CDF funding will be for a maximum of three to four years* of financial support (in 12-month allocations, starting in summer or fall) usable over a five-year fellowship period.
- CDF recipients must maintain a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of at least 3.5 in their doctoral degree program; and must make satisfactory progress in doctoral research as evaluated by the advisor on the annual activity report due by May 1 each year. Those whose CGPA drops below a 3.5 and/or whose research progress is deemed unsatisfactory, will be given one semester to raise their CGPA back up to 3.5 and bring doctoral research progress to satisfactory levels as deemed by the advisor. The fellowship will be terminated if, after this additional semester, the CGPA does not rise to 3.5 or if the doctoral research progress is deemed unsatisfactory by the advisor. This exception is allowed for only one semester of the fellowship term.
- All courses covered by the fellowship must be included on the CDF recipient's "Appointment of Advisory Committee and Program of Study" (Graduate Form 5).
- CDF can only be used to enroll in on-campus courses offered by Missouri S&T. The fellowship will not cover distance education courses or sections.
- CDF can only be applied to students who are enrolled as full-time graduate students on the Missouri S&T campus. The fellowship cannot be used for either doctoral continuous registration or examination-only purposes.
- CDF recipients who take a semester or summer session for an external position, such as a co-op, internship, etc. will not be awarded the fellowship for those semesters/summer sessions. The CDF funding will be reinstated when the CDF recipient returns, if within five years from the original CDF start date.
- CDF recipients will be responsible for any late registration fees they may incur.
- Students who have had the CDF retracted for any reason are ineligible to receive the fellowship in the future.
- CDF recipients may accept external funding, however, the CDF will be suspended while external funding is in place, unless the external funding covers *less* than the Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship, in which case Missouri S&T will match the difference. If a CDF recipient receives and accepts external funding that is *more* than the Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship, then the Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship will be temporarily suspended while the external funding is in place. The CDF funding will be reinstated if/when the external funding expires, if within five years from the original CDF start date.
- CDF is awarded to students who are pursuing a specific doctoral program. If the CDF recipient decides to change doctoral programs or change to a master's or certificate program, then the fellowship is permanently forfeited.

*Students pursuing a doctoral degree program after a bachelor's degree program will receive four years of support. Students pursuing a doctoral degree program after a master's degree program will receive three years of support.