

Google PhD Fellowship

AWARD

This fellowship provides 2 years of tuition and stipend to support PhD students pursuing Google's defined areas of research interest. The current annual stipend is \$15,000.

Applications are evaluated on the strength of the research proposal, research impact, student academic achievements, and leadership potential. Research proposals are evaluated for innovative concepts that are relevant to Google's research areas, as well as aspects of robustness and potential impact to the field. Proposals should include the direction and any plans of where your work is going in addition to a comprehensive description of the research you are pursuing.

Internal Deadline: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 5pm

Materials due:

- Complete application
- 1 letter of recommendation from dissertation advisor

Recommender Deadline: Monday, May 5, 2025 at 5pm

Materials due:

- Final application
- 2 remaining letters of recommendation

External Deadline: Thursday, May 15, 2025

Eligibility

- Students must remain enrolled full-time in the PhD program for the duration of the Fellowship or forfeit the award.
- Students must have completed graduate coursework by the start of the academic year during which the fellowship begins.
- Google employees, and their spouses, children, and members of their household are not eligible.
- Students that are already supported by a comparable industry award are not eligible. Government or non-profit organization funding is exempt.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The university is limited to **four** nominations each year.

INTERNAL DEADLINE

Students must submit completed applications as a single document to Kevin Doherty in UChicagoGRAD (kevdoh@uchicago.edu) by the internal deadline.

Only one letter of recommendation from the student's dissertation advisor is due at the internal deadline. Letters of recommendation should be submitted by letter writers directly to Kevin Doherty (kevdoh@uchicago.edu).

INTERNAL REVIEW

A committee comprised of faculty from eligible divisions will review all submitted nominations.

POST REVIEW

Students who are selected as nominees will be notified of their status. At this time, we will ask them to notify their second and third letter writers that they have been selected as nominees for the Google PhD Fellowship.

The final two letters of recommendation must be submitted to Kevin Doherty (kevdoh@uchicago.edu) no later than Tuesday, May 5, 2025.

FINAL SUBMISSION

The fellowships team in UChicagoGRAD will submit final applications to Google on behalf of students.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

1. Cover Sheet (see following page for sample)
2. Student CV with links to personal website and publications
3. Advisor CV, 1-page maximum
4. 3 Letters of Recommendation, including one from dissertation advisor
 - a. Only the letter from the dissertation advisor is due at the internal deadline
 - b. The cover sheet must confirm the names of the second and third recommenders, and confirm they have agreed to write letters if asked

5. Research / dissertation proposal (3 page limit, excluding references)
6. Research Impact student essay (350-word limit):

Describe the desired impact your research will make on the field and society, and why this is important to you. Include any personal, educational and/or professional experiences that have motivated your research interests.

7. Leadership student essay (350-word limit) to:

Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes or contributed to group efforts over time. (A leadership role can mean more than just a title. It can mean being a mentor to others, acting as the person in charge of a specific task, or taking the lead role in organizing an event or project. Think about what you accomplished and what you learned from the experience. What were your responsibilities? Did you lead a team? How did your experience change your perspective on leading others? Did you help to resolve an important dispute at your school, church, in your community or an organization? And your leadership role doesn't necessarily have to be limited to school activities. For example, do you help out or take care of your family?)

8. Transcripts of current and previous academic records (Official preferred; unofficial accepted)

Google PhD Fellowship Cover Sheet

Full-time Enrollment	Yes / No
Completed all coursework	Yes / No
Confirm no other industry award	Yes / No
Confirm not Google employee	Yes / No
Student Name	[Name]
Student email	[University Email]
Thesis Advisor	[Advisor Name]
Student Start Date	[Month Year]
Expected Grad Date	[Month Year]
Primary Research Area	Select from Google's research areas
Secondary Research Area	Select from Google's research areas
Second recommender	[Second Recommender Name]
Second recommender contacted	Yes / No
Third recommender	[Third Recommender Name]
Third recommender contacted	Yes / No
Proposal Title	[Title]
Abstract (1,000 Characters)	[Abstract]
Permissions	
Allow Google Contact	Yes / No
Allow Google Disclosure	Yes / No
Other Contact Info	
University Name	University of Chicago
Department	[Department]
Chair name and email	[Name, Email]
Finance contact and email	Provided to Google by UChicagoGRAD