

MSU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

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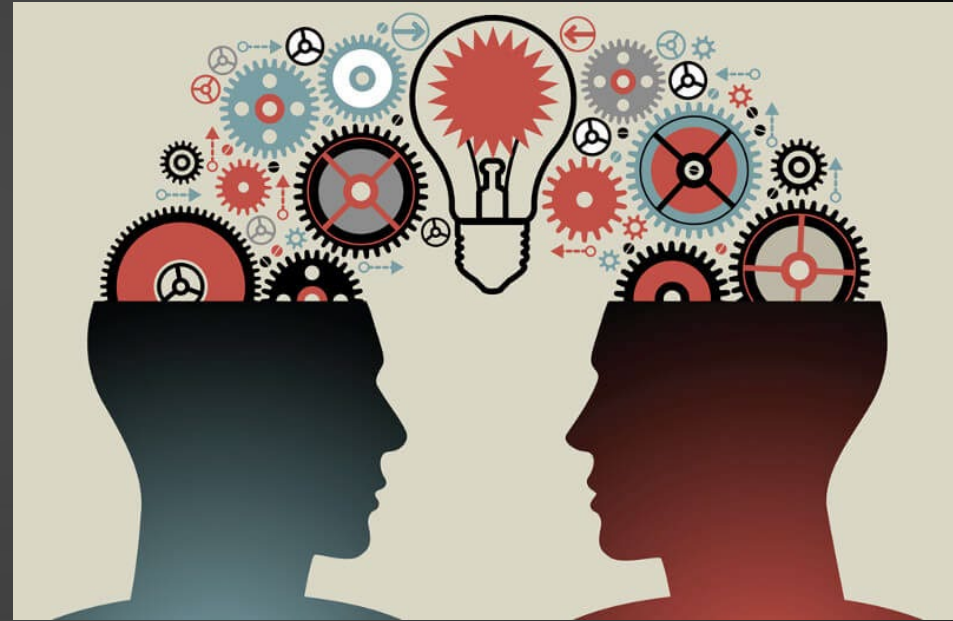
Goals :

1. Support research on students' own work.
2. Support preparation of external dissertation funding proposals.



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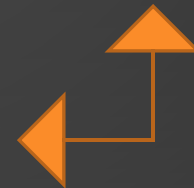
- Collect data
- Analyze & write up previously collected data
- Complete ongoing project
- Revise project for publication
- Prepare external dissertation funding request (Spencer/NAEd)
- *Student's original work*



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- Eligibility: after second year to pre-dissertation
 - If eligible for a DCF (pass proposal before summer), are not eligible for SRF
- Award: \$7000 fellowship
- Due: November 7, 2025 to the College at NOON (submission link on website & RFP)
- Process: our office determines number of awards per college so same % of success in departments; departments review and select; our office notifies applicants; departments provide feedback to applicants
- Expectation: 2 months full-time work (can be divided in various ways), can pro-rate the award (ie for 1 month, or 1.5 months)
- Recipients can do other work and can take classes



CHANGE IN HOW WE SUPPORT YOUR SUMMER RESEARCH

- Faculty mentor program is phasing out (last occurred in Summer 2025)
- For Summer 2026, we are developing a multi-pronged strategy of support that may include:
 - Workshops led by faculty or senior doctoral students
 - Peer mentoring & writing groups led by senior doctoral students
- We are adding a required presentation at the end of the summer by each SRF recipient
 - The audience will be a small group, possibly writing group/ some faculty/ others in your program

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- If you want to pro-rate an award, 1 month of full-time work (so, a \$3500 award) can look like this:

Yellow = research, blue = other



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- Application consists of:
- Proposal (700 words max—words, not pages)
 - Name, year in program, proposal word count (this material isn't included in the word count)
 - Proposed research
 - Anticipated deliverables
- Transcript (MSU grad coursework only)



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- Selection criteria may include:
 - Proposal is well-written and well-organized
 - Author demonstrates an understanding of the field and its direction
 - The proposal fits well within the literature and adds to it
 - The proposal is timely; the proposal is ambitious
 - The scope of the proposal is appropriate
 - The applicant's academic record is strong



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FOR MULTI-YEAR FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Q: Does this apply to me/ Which multi-year fellowships are you talking about?
 - University Distinguished Fellowship
 - Erickson Research Fellowship
 - Dean's Fellowship
- Q: If an SRF is guaranteed for a particular summer because I have one of these awards, do I still need to apply for it?
 - Yes, because we want you to engage in the process of writing a big-picture proposal for work for a defined time period, and getting feedback from a faculty member about it
- Tip: review your funding offer letter from my office

QUESTIONS?