

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY GRADUATE DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

Length of Appointment

The start and end dates of fellowships correspond with the University's fiscal year, which begins July 1 and are generally awarded for 11 months (July 1 to May 31). Summer attendance is mandatory. For newly admitted students, the first year of the Fellowship term will be August 1 to June 30 unless otherwise requested. The term will be updated to July 1 to May 31 in the second year.

The maximum length of time a student may hold a Diversity Fellowship is two (2) years while pursuing a master's degree and four (4) years in a doctoral program. In the case of a student intending to pursue a master's and doctoral degree in the same major field, the fellowship will be awarded for two years for completion of the master's degree, and the student may request an extension for two more years for doctoral work. Additional funding beyond these terms may be provided by individual departments.

NOTE: This intent to petition from a master's degree to a doctoral degree program must be communicated to the Office of Graduate Education by May 1st of their first year in the fellowship. The student is expected to complete his/her master's degree within two years and successfully petition into the Ph.D. program before requesting an extension.

Responsibilities of Fellows

Fellows may be asked to participate, as part of their overall graduate education, in the teaching and/or research activities of the department or program and/or in university activities/events. Such activities are for enhancing career and academic opportunities and/or providing service to the local community aligned with SLU's mission. An annual self-review is required of all fellows, which is submitted to the graduate education coordinator by February 1 each year.

Each academic year, summer enrollment is required for appointments with a start date of July 1. If a fellow does not enroll in a summer course, his/her stipend will be adjusted.

To continue a fellowship appointment from semester to semester during the academic year, all fellows must remain in good academic standing. A fellow must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 during each academic year of appointment. If a fellow's cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 at any time during the academic year, the student will be terminated from that fellowship. Fellows who receive a grade of I (Incomplete) must comply with SLU's academic standards as outlined in the Graduate Education Catalog.

Responsibilities of Departments

The department chair is responsible for assigning a faculty mentor to work closely with the Fellow by providing guidance and support regarding research, teaching, grant writing, and publishing.

The department is expected to complete an annual review by the assigned faculty mentor, which outlines the fellow's progress and accomplishments toward degree completion. A copy of this review will be sent to the academic affairs coordinator after completion.

Re-Appointment

Graduate fellows who are performing satisfactorily in their studies and duties are eligible for annual re-appointments to the maximum time limit. Academic and professional performance and progress are measured by the following criteria:

- A grade point average of at least a 3.0 (both cumulative and over the past academic year).
- A student academic record with not more than one incomplete or missing grade.
- Annual progress reports to the academic affairs coordinator, from each fellow and faculty mentor.