

Reimagining Doctoral Education (RiDE) PhD Fellowships

Overview

Departments may propose PhD Fellowships during Summer 2021 to undertake significant research/analysis that will facilitate doctoral program engagement with Reimagining Doctoral Education (RiDE) recommendations. This work might include:

- Exploring options for curricular updates (based on what's going on elsewhere around the country, as well as reports on doctoral education generated by relevant scholarly societies, foundations, and peer institutions – e.g. 2018 National Academy of Sciences report on STEM graduate education; 2021 Yale University Report on Humanities PhD Education)
- Identifying examples of disciplinary standards for departmental expectations around advising
- Investigating models of peer mentoring
- Developing templates for Intellectual Development Plans
- Identifying approaches to support experiential learning opportunities (such as internships, pedagogical engagement with access-oriented tertiary education institutions in the area, etc.)
- Conducting surveys and/or focus groups with alumni, faculty, and doctoral students

RFP released	2/22/2021
RFP deadline for submission	3/11/2021 at 5:00 p.m.
Anticipated notification	4/21/2021
Funds made available	6/1/2021
Funds to be expended by	9/30/2021

Eligibility

- School deans, senior associate deans, and department chairs responsible for doctoral program(s) may submit a proposal.
- Only PhD students without summer funding are eligible for the fellowship.
- PhD students offered a fellowship may not receive any other Duke funding.
- PhD students offered a fellowship **must be resident this summer** in North Carolina, the District of Columbia, or one of nine other states available for Duke employment: California, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.



Restrictions and Parameters

- Any proposal for a virtual/remote internship must comply with Duke University coronavirus response policies and the residency requirement detailed below.
- International students who reside in North Carolina or an approved US jurisdiction detailed below and who will be offered a fellowship should consult as soon as possible with Duke Visa Services for assistance with filing applications for Curricular Practical Training and any other visa-related requirements.
- It is expected that any PhD student offered a fellowship would engage in 10 hours/week of RiDE-inflected activities. The remaining 9.9 hours/week would be dedicated to other projects identified by the program. Recipients of a RiDE Fellowship are expected to spend the remainder of their time on their own studies and research.
- The school/department is responsible for providing 50% of the summer stipend and fringes.

Selection Criteria and Review Process

Proposals should specify the nature of fellowship activities, and explain how the experience will contribute to the student's intellectual trajectory and dissertation research. The review process will be overseen by the Vice Provost for Interdisciplinary Studies and the Executive Vice Provost. We hope to fund several of these positions.

Scope and Duration

The proposed fellowship experience will last for three months in the summer and awardees will receive a stipend of \$6,500 as well as coverage of fringe and summer health fee.

Proposal Requirements

Schools, departments, or programs should submit a brief description of the fellowship, including anticipated research projects and how those projects relate to their goals for improving PhD education to Amy Feistel (amy.feistel@duke.edu). The description should identify the faculty member who will oversee the fellowship – either the chair, director of graduate studies (DGS), or a faculty member who has been charged with overseeing a fresh look at the doctoral program.

Contact

For questions related to the fellowship, please contact Edward J. Balleisen, Vice Provost for Interdisciplinary Studies (eballeis@duke.edu).