**HBS Research Fellows Program**

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**Research Fellow**

Research is a key aspect of scholarly development within a doctoral education. The pursuit of excellence in research—especially early in one’s career—entails substantial time and effort. To this end, HBS has developed a competitive Research Fellows program to support students in their pursuit of excellence in research.

**Eligibility Criteria**

The HBS Research Fellows program is highly competitive. Eligible students must be:

* Enrolled in the Health and Behavioral Sciences doctoral program
* In the 3rd+ year of the program
* Enrolled during the year of the award
* Considered “on time” in the program
* Committed to excellence in research

Being a Research Fellow does not preclude participation in the Teaching Fellowship program or other HBS funding opportunities.

**Structure of the Program**

Research Fellows are HBS doctoral students who have demonstrated excellence in research in the past *and* who have well defined plans for continued excellence in research in the year of the award. HBS is especially interested in supporting students who display leadership in research, undertake especially ambitious research programs, and who have plans to go above and beyond in developing their research skills and productivity throughout the year of the award. Fellowships are for an academic year.

Prior and future excellence in research can take many forms. Some examples include:

* Independent or collaborative research that extends beyond the dissertation (e.g., peer-reviewed papers, book chapters, etc.) where the student takes a leadership role (regardless of their authorship position)
* Extramural grant funding or applications for extramural funding
* Pursuit of particularly difficult dissertation topics due to their scope, methodological or theoretical sophistication, or interdisciplinary grounding
* Conducting research in difficult contexts, such as primary data collection in locations or with populations that are hard to access, or using secondary data sets that are hard to access due to cost, administrative, or security barriers
* Persistent work on multiple research projects that evinces a commitment to developing key research skills and growing a strong research pipeline
* Engagement in intellectual communities by, for example, presenting at national conferences and attending journal club and the colloquium series in HBS

HBS recognizes the value of both collaborative and solo research styles, and we hope to consider both senior students who have established publication records as well as more junior students who have taken strides to develop their research pipelines but have not yet published.

During the year of the award, we expect Research Fellows undertake activities that will support their own development, including meeting with their faculty advisors at least monthly and—unless their research activities preclude their attendance—attend journal club and the fall colloquium series in HBS.

**Scholarship Support**The goal of the Research Fellows program is to support excellence and leadership in research. To support these goals, which we see as a valuable part of a doctoral education, for the 2021-2022 academic year HBS will provide full fellows a scholarship of $8,000 or half fellows a scholarship of $4,000. The number of awards may vary at the discretion of the department chair based upon available departmental funding.

**Application Process**Students apply to be HBS Research Fellows in the spring of the year preceding the fellowship. For the 2021-2022 year, students must send a complete application to [HBSAdminSupport@ucdenver.edu](mailto:HBSAdminSupport@ucdenver.edu) by March 31, 2021. A complete application should include:

* A current CV
* A two page, double spaced statement that describes:
  + Prior research activities and how they demonstrate a track record of excellence in research;
  + Plans for continued excellence in research during the year of the award, including:
    - plans for dissertation research,
    - plans for non-dissertation research,
    - specific milestones they hope to meet over the coming year, and
    - a commitment to present their research to the department at least once during the year of the award
  + A description of how you will work with your faculty mentor to support your continued excellence in research (e.g., how often you will meet, exchange drafts for comments, etc.).

Additionally, students should ask one or at most two HBS faculty members to complete a [recommendation form](https://ucdenver.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6DmoDDX4bxR1xPv) for them in Qualtrics.