The purpose of the 2021 Summer Research Funding Program is to engage continuing graduate students in on-campus summer research that will help compensate for lost time due to COVID-19 related campus closures, travel restrictions, and in-person research limitations. **Proposed student research projects must be guided by a faculty mentor and aligned with the faculty member’s research**.

Summer awards will be equal to one or two months of salary based on funding levels for master’s and doctoral students. Students should identify on the application form the months of support requested and justify this request in the research overview. The Graduate School will facilitate approved appointments with graduate programs/colleges.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

* Proposed research activities must be on-campus or at UTEP-affiliated sites (activities that can be done virtually will not be supported)
* Students must be in good standing in their program and on track to graduate within the standard time based on when they entered the program.
* Open to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and international students.
  + International students must have work authorization physically in-hand and provided to Human resources prior to commencing summer employment.
  + For more information please visit: <https://www.utep.edu/human-resources/services/compensation/student-employment-guidelines.html>

**Application Components:**

* Completed Application Form (following page)
* Copy of student’s most recent annual review or Individualized Development Plan (doctoral students). Master’s students who do not have an IDP or AR may submit their current CV.

Applications must be submitted via email **as a single PDF** to the student’s Graduate Program Director, copying the student’s faculty mentor, by **Sunday, April 25 at 11:59pm MST**. Program Directors will review all received applications and submit nominations to the Graduate School by Monday, May 3. The Graduate School will make every effort to notify awarded students by Monday, May 17, 2021.

Please contact [GradSummer@utep.edu](mailto:GradSummer@utep.edu) with any questions.

**Application Form:**

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| **Student Name** (First/Last): | Enter Information Here |
| **UTEP 800#:** | Enter Information Here |
| **UTEP Email Address**: | Enter Information Here |
| **Program:** | Enter Information Here |
| **Current GPA**: | Enter Information Here |
| **Current Semester Hours Earned**: | Enter Information Here |
| **Supervising Mentor** (First/Last) | Enter Information Here |
| **Months of Support Requested** (select up to two): | June 2021  July 2021  August 2021 |

**How has your research been adversely impacted by COVID-19 (including but not limited to facility or lab closures, inability to recruit subjects, travel restrictions, etc.)? Please be as specific as possible.**

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**In clear, non-technical language, describe your proposed summer research project. What are the anticipated research outcomes by the end of summer 2021?**

**(1000 character limit)**

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**Describe how your project will make use of on-campus resources and UTEP-affiliated facilities.**

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**Explain how this summer research project contributes to completion of your degree. Discuss the specific outcomes from the proposed summer research activities and how this will fit into your overall research and academic goals.**

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