

# Graduate College 2026 Summer Research Assistantship Application

**All disciplines are welcome.** Please complete all sections and submit by the stated deadline. Incomplete applications may not be reviewed.

Submit the form and all required information **combined in a single PDF document.** [[Research Assistant SU2026](#)]

**Deadline for the proposal is: February 27, 2026**

**Information Session:** Friday Jan 30 from 1:15 - 2:15  
(<https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/89893202680?>)

The Graduate College has funding for up to four (4) summer research assistantships.

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## Applicant Information

- **Full Name:**
- **Student ID:**
- **Email Address:**
- **Phone Number:**
- **Graduate Program / Department:**
- **Degree Sought (Master/Doctorate/Other):**
- **Current Year in Program:**

## Project Information

### 1. Research Topic and Title

- **Proposed Research Title:**
- **Research Topic / Area:**

**Please check all focus areas which apply:**

- Public Affairs** [your work involves stakeholder engagement/community partner]
- Interdisciplinary** [your work occurs on the intersection of different disciplines]
- Curiosity** [your work is driven by a knowledge question]
- Puzzling Practice Problem** [you work on a challenge/problem identified by a field]
- Cultural Expression** [your work is focused on exploring different ways expression]

**Briefly explain your choice (200 words max):**

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## **2. Research Proposal (Maximum 2 Pages)**

The proposal should include the following clearly labeled sections:

- **Research Questions / Objectives**

Clearly state the primary research question(s) or objectives of the project.

- **Brief Literature Review**

Summarize key scholarly work relevant to the project and explain how your research contributes to or builds upon existing literature.

- **Methodology / Methods**

Describe the research design, data sources, analytical methods, and/or creative processes to be used.

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## **3. Faculty Supervisor**

The project should be led by the student, yet students must recruit a faculty advisor who agrees to oversee the summer research project. Collaboration between student and faculty advisor is encouraged. Faculty supervisor will receive \$200 from the Graduate College for their commitment to oversee.

- **Supervisor Name:**
- **Supervisor Title and Department:**
- **Supervisor Email:**
- **Supervisor Confirmation:**  I agree to supervise this project during the 2026 summer term.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor (typed name): \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor, signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **4. Project Timeline**

Provide a brief timeline outlining major activities and milestones for the three summer months.

- **Month 1 (e.g., preparation, data collection, IRB (procure IRB approval before the summer), creative development):**
- **Month 2 (e.g., analysis, drafting, continued data collection):**
- **Month 3 (e.g., final analysis, writing, presentation, dissemination):**

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## 5. Expected Product(s)

Describe the anticipated outcomes of the summer research. Academic or scholarly products are preferred (max of 200 words).

Examples may include:

- Journal article manuscript
- Conference paper or presentation
- Thesis or dissertation chapter
- Creative or performance-based scholarly work
- Technical report or policy brief
- **Expected Product(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Assistantship Conditions and Commitment

Please review and acknowledge the conditions of the Summer Research Assistantship:

- The assistantship requires **20 hours per week**
- The appointment covers **three summer months**
- The student commits to work throughout the funded period of time.
- The student is expected to make consistent progress on the approved research project
- Two brief monthly reports (half a page) and a final report with student and supervisor signature need to be submitted indicating major activities and milestones.

I understand and agree to the conditions of the Summer Research Assistantship as described above.

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## Certification

By submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is accurate and that this proposal represents my own work.

- **Applicant Signature:**
- **Date:**