

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.

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):

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.

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: _____

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.

Certification

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

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