

# MSU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DISSERTATION COMPLETION FELLOWSHIPS

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

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Goal:

Expedite completion of strong dissertations by  
providing students funding to create release time  
for dissertation work



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- Eligibility:
  - Comps passed date entered in Grad Plan by Nov. 8 at noon
  - Positioned to submit final dissertation to Grad School within one year of receiving DCF
  - PRIME students are eligible; EdD students are not
  - Proposal ideally will be passed when you apply; may be passed by December 2 at the latest for spring and April 1 at the latest for summer
  - DCF does not fund revisions after defense
- Award: \$9000 fellowship for spring, \$7000 for summer
  - May not work more than 10 hours/week—so, a  $\frac{1}{4}$  time GA—at the same time
  - Students who work full time are invited to explain how this creates additional release time for them

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- Due: this fall to departments
- Process:
  - Departments review, prioritize, and submit ranked list to College
  - College confirms completeness of application & finalizes selection of students
  - College initiates the fellowships at the appropriate time

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- Application consists of:
- Approved/draft dissertation proposal (7000 words max—words, not pages)
  - Name, PID, year in program, advisor, proposal word count, references, appendices (this material isn't included in the word count)
  - Proposed research
  - Timeline with major benchmarks
- Transcript (MSU grad coursework only)
- Statement from dissertation director (if required by department)

## SRF OR DCF?

- If a proposal is successfully defended before summer starts, summer should be funded by a DCF, not an SRF.
- A student in this position who has been granted an SRF should let us know and we will be glad to change the SRF to a DCF (same amount).
- However, if a student has a provisional summer DCF but does not defend successfully by April 1, we may be able to provide \$3500 for summer support rather than the DCF.

QUESTIONS?

