

Sponsor: Google Research - Google PhD fellowship program (2026 cycle)

External Link: <https://research.google/programs-and-events/phd-fellowship/>

Submission Limitation per Institution: Four (4)

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-04-01

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-04-30

Overview: Google PhD Fellowships directly support graduate students as they pursue their PhD. Nurturing and maintaining strong relations with the academic community is a top priority at Google. The Google PhD Fellowship Program was created to recognize outstanding graduate students doing exceptional and innovative research in areas relevant to computer science and related fields. Fellowships support promising PhD candidates of all backgrounds who seek to influence the future of technology. Our research teams impact technology used by people all over the world and we encourage people of a wide range of backgrounds to apply. We currently offer fellowships in Africa, Australia, Canada, East Asia, Europe, India, Latin America, the Middle East, New Zealand, Southeast Asia and the United States.

Research areas of focus: Google PhD Fellowship students are a select group recognized by Google researchers and their institutions as some of the most promising young academics in the world. The Fellowships are awarded to students who represent the future of research in the fields listed below. Note that region-specific research areas will be listed in application forms during the application window.

- Computer Architecture
- Algorithms and Optimization
- Health Research
- Human-Computer Interaction
- Machine Learning and ML Foundations
- Machine Perception
- Natural Language Processing
- Privacy, Safety, and Security
- Quantum Computing
- Software Engineering and Programming Languages
- Systems, Networking, and Cloud Computing

Award: United States and Canada:

- Up to 2-year Fellowship
- US \$85K per year towards education costs (tuition and fees), living expenses, travel, and personal equipment (effective from 2025 for new recipients)

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/MxE1DuQ6qNjt3uxk9> by the internal deadline:

- Applicants Name
- Cover **sheet signed by the Department Chair** confirming the student passes ALL eligibility requirements (1-page max.) Address 1 through 5 on the cover sheet:
 1. Students must have completed graduate coursework for their Ph.D. by the beginning of the academic year in which the fellowship begins.
 2. Students must remain enrolled full-time in the Ph.D. program for the duration of the Fellowship or forfeit the award.
 3. Google employees, their spouses, children, and household members are not eligible.
 4. Students that are already supported by a comparable industry award are not eligible. Government or non-profit organization funding is exempt.
 5. Past awardees from the PhD Fellowship program are not eligible to apply again.
- A 1-page resume/CV (1-page max.) CV including primary advisor's name & Google Research Area.
- Student essay response (350-word limit/2-page max.) to: "Describe the desired impact your research will make on the field and society, and why this is important to you. Include any personal, educational and/or professional experiences that have motivated your research interests."
- Student essay response (350-word limit/2-page max.) to: "Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time. (A leadership role can mean more than just a title...)."

Questions: Contact Sarah Pretzlav, Director of Corporate Relations in the Office of Corporate Relations at sforner@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.