

The Graduate School at the University of New Orleans distributes merit-based awards once each year. Scholastic performance, test scores, and productivity in the discipline are among the criteria evaluated. The duration of the awards are two years for Master's degree students and four

years for Doctoral degree students. All award recipients are required to maintain the requisite graduate GPA and successfully complete nine graduate credit hours each Spring and Fall semester.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants for admission into a graduate degree program in the Fall may apply for a graduate school award. Students currently enrolled as non-degree seeking are not eligible for consideration. Students are not eligible if they are already taking courses as a degree-seeking student in the program for which they wish to receive an award. The award is rendered void if the student changes degree departments after receiving the award.
- Official GRE or GMAT scores—and IELTS/TOEFL scores for international students—must be on record.
- Official transcripts from each institution attended must be on file with the Office of Admissions.
- Undergraduate GPA must be at least 3.0 and Graduate GPA must be at least 3.5. Fellowships may require higher GPA.
- Student must be screened for eligibility by their program. Award applications that have not been reviewed by the degree program will not be processed.



How to Apply

Applicants should initiate the process by contacting the **Graduate Coordinator** of the program in which they intend to study.

Please follow these instructions carefully:

1. Contact the **Graduate Coordinator of the program to which you are seeking admission to obtain Award Application.**
2. Complete the **Award Application** (typed, with original signature). Attach a typed **Personal Statement** (one page describing your academic/professional goals). Submit to your Graduate Coordinator.
3. The Graduate Coordinator will submit the completed packet to the Graduate School.

IMPORTANT: All materials must be on file in the Graduate School office by the due date in order for the Award Application to be reviewed, **including official transcripts and test scores.** If any material is missing the application will not be processed.

Award	Eligibility	Due Date	What It Covers	Duration
Doctoral Diversity Fellowship	Under-represented U.S. minority student fully admitted into a Doctoral program in Engineering or Sciences (may include Social Sciences) with a 3.25 undergraduate GPA or a 3.5 graduate GPA.	February 15	Tuition, Graduate Enhancement Fee, Nonresident Fee for Fall, Spring & Summer. Fellows receive a \$22,000 stipend.	4 years
Performance & Accountability Assistantship	Louisiana residents & U.S. citizens fully admitted into a Doctoral program in Science or Engineering with a 3.0 undergraduate GPA and/or 3.5 graduate GPA. Applicants must have a statement of support from a current UNO faculty member in their program.	February 15	Tuition, Graduate Enhancement Fee, Nonresident Fee for Fall, Spring & Summer. P&A Assistants also receive a \$20,000 stipend.	4 years
Marcus B. Christian	African-American and other under-represented U.S. minority students accepted to a Doctoral or Master's degree program with a 3.0 undergraduate GPA and /or 3.5 graduate GPA. Preference is given to Louisiana residents and to graduates of historically black institutions.	March 15	Tuition, Graduate Enhancement Fee, Nonresident Fee for Fall & Spring	4 years for doctoral/2 years for Master's
Graduate School Doctoral Award	3.0 undergraduate GPA and/or 3.5 graduate GPA and full admission into a Doctoral program.	March 15	Tuition, Graduate Enhancement Fee, Nonresident Fee for Fall & Spring	4 years
Graduate School Master's Award	3.0 undergraduate GPA and/or 3.5 graduate GPA and full admission into a Master's program.	March 15	Tuition, Graduate Enhancement Fee, Nonresident Fee for Fall & Spring	2 years
Special Talent Graduate Award	(requires nomination by program)–3.0 undergraduate GPA and/or 3.5 graduate GPA and full admission into a degree program	March 15	Nonresident fee	4 years for doctoral/2 years for Masters
Privateer Graduate Award	(no award application required)–3.0 undergraduate GPA and/or 3.5 graduate GPA and full admission into a degree program.	July 1, May 1, November 1	Nonresident fee	4 years for doctoral/2 years for Masters

Graduate Assistantships

More than 400 students at the University of New Orleans have graduate assistantships for which they teach, conduct research or provide a service within academic or administrative units on campus. Graduate Assistants (GAs) receive a stipend, a tuition exemption for each semester in which they are employed, and waivers of the non-resident fee and the graduate enhancement fee.

Full-time enrollment and a 20 hour work week are expected for students hired as GAs in addition to maintenance of a 3.0 graduate GPA. Assistantships are awarded competitively by hiring units based on qualifications and budget for the position.