



Google PhD Fellowship **Application Guidelines for the 2027 Fellowship Year**

Internal Deadline: April 17, 2026 (12:00PM)

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.

Please visit their overview page here for more information: <https://research.google/programs-and-events/phd-fellowship/>

The Fellows program offers:

- Up to \$85,000/year towards education costs (tuition/fees), living expenses, travel, and personal equipment (effective from 2025 for new recipients).
- Up to 2 year Fellowship

Eligibility

To be eligible to eventually apply for the Google PhD Fellowship, the student must be nominated by Emory University. To meet this goal, the student must first submit their materials for consideration by the internal deadline listed above. Only the student selected will then have their materials submitted to Google.

General Eligibility Requirements (All Regions):

- Students must remain enrolled full-time in the PhD program for the duration of the Fellowship or forfeit the award.
- Google employees, and their spouses, children, and members of their household are not eligible.
- Students that are already supported by a comparable industry award are not eligible. Government or non-profit organization funding is exempt.
- Past awardees from the PhD Fellowship program are not eligible to apply again.
- **Canada and the United States**
 - Students who have completed graduate coursework in their PhD by the academic award year when the Fellowship begins.
- Areas of research focus (visit the webpage above for further details):
 - Computer Architecture
 - Algorithms/Optimization
 - Health Research
 - Human-Computer Interaction
 - Machine Learning and ML Foundations
 - Machine Perception
 - Natural Language Processing
 - Privacy, Safety, and Security
 - Quantum Computing
 - Software Eng. and Programming Languages
 - Systems, Networking, and Cloud Computing

**Final Selection Criteria by Google:**

Review criteria

Applications are evaluated on the strength of the research proposal, research impact, student academic achievements, and leadership potential. Research proposals are evaluated for innovative concepts that are relevant to Google's research areas, as well as aspects of robustness and potential impact to the field. Proposals should include the direction and any plans of where your work is going in addition to a comprehensive description of the research you are pursuing. In Canada and the United States, East Asia and Latin America, essay responses are evaluated in addition to application materials to determine an overall recommendation.

Application Submission

Please submit the following materials below as ONE PDF file in the exact order listed.

1. **Cover sheet signed by your Department Chair or Program Director** confirming that the student passes all eligibility requirements:
 - a. Student is a full-time graduate student pursuing a PhD at the submitter's institution
 - b. Student has completed graduate coursework by Fall of the award year (Fall 2026)
 - c. Student is not already supported by a comparable industry award (Government or non-profit organization funding is exempt)
 - d. Student is not a Google employee and does not have any members of this student's household that is a Google employee (spouse, parent, children)
2. **CV**
 - a. (When relevant): include links to personal website and publications
3. **CV (short, 1 page)** of student's primary advisor
4. **2-3 Letters of Recommendation** from those familiar with the nominee's work (at least one must be from the thesis advisor)
 - a. **The thesis advisor's letter must** speak to the type of supervision student has/will receive and also make specific reference to the research culture in which the student will be working.
5. **Research/dissertation proposal** (max 3 pages excluding references)
6. **Research Impact student essay (350 words limit):** 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.
7. **Leadership student essay (350 words limit):** 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. It can mean being a mentor to others, acting as the person in charge of a specific task, or taking the lead role in organizing an event or project. Think about what you accomplished and what you learned from the experience. What were your responsibilities? Did you lead a team? How did your experience change your perspective on leading others? Did you help to resolve an important dispute at your school, church, in your community or an organization? And your leadership role doesn't necessarily have to be limited to school activities. For example, do you help out or take care of your family?)
8. **Transcripts of current and previous academic records**
 - a. Official is preferred
 - b. Unofficial is accepted
9. **Final summary page(s) that must include the following information:**
 - a. Full name of Dept. Chair or Prog. Director
 - b. Email of Dept. Chair or Prog. Director
 - c. Full name(s) of thesis advisor(s)
 - d. Email(s) of thesis advisor(s)



- e. Start date of PhD
- f. Student graduation date
- g. Primary research area (see Google webpage)
 - i. Optional: secondary research area, if any (see Google webpage)
- h. Research proposal title
- i. Research abstract

Application above must be submitted by email as one PDF file in the exact order listed to: LGS.profdev@emory.edu

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Notifications

The final decisions will go out by end of April.

- The selected student(s) will have their materials submitted to Google directly.

Questions?

Please contact LGS.profdev@emory.edu