

2024-2025 Google PhD Fellowship Program

Call for Internal Applications

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. Google PhD Fellowships directly support graduate students as they pursue their PhD and connect them to a Google Research Mentor.

Students receive named fellowships which include a monetary award for up to 2 years. The fellowship covers full tuition and fees (enrollment fees, health insurance, books) plus a stipend to be used for living expenses, travel, and personal equipment. **Eligible students must have completed all their graduate coursework by the academic award year when the Fellowship begins. See the Google Fellowship website for other eligibility requirements.**

Students should submit their **internal** nomination packets to graduate@pitt.edu by no later than **Monday, April 15, 2024**. The **internal** nomination packet should be submitted as **one PDF or Word** document and include:

1. Student CV with links to website and publications
2. Short (1 page) CV of the student's thesis advisor
3. Transcripts of current and previous academic records (unofficial copies are acceptable)
4. Letter of recommendation from thesis advisor (note that advisors may send their letters as a separate document to graduate@pitt.edu by the April 15 deadline)

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Once all nominations are received, the Office of the Provost can nominate up to four students for the Google PhD Fellowship Program. Those students will be asked to prepare an external nomination packet to be submitted to Google.

The **external** nomination packet (**only required if the PhD student is chosen by the Graduate Fellowship Review Committee as one of the University's nominees**) will be due on **Monday, May 6** and will include:

1. 1-2 additional letters of recommendation from those familiar with the nominee's work
2. Research / dissertation proposal including references (maximum 3 pages, excluding references)
3. Student essays (350-word limit for each):
 - a. 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.

- b. 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?)

Please direct any questions about the fellowship application process to
graduate@pitt.edu.