



## SPRING 2024 Research Experience for Master's Students Call for Applications

Research is a central part of graduate education. As part of its commitment to graduate level research, the Graduate School will provide support for mentored research at the master's degree level. Fellowships of \$2,000 will be awarded on a competitive basis to outstanding students who have a demonstrated record of academic excellence and an interest in a mentored research opportunity but are in a degree program *without the option of a thesis component*. Students with identities that are under-represented in their disciplines are strongly encouraged to apply. The Graduate School at Loyola University Chicago believes that our community is best served when the university population reflects the larger society and encourages the programs under its jurisdiction to embrace diversity and strive for inclusion. A diverse academic community enhances the pursuit of knowledge and its contribution to our understanding of the world around us.

### *Program Objectives*

The integration of research and teaching is an integral part of the transformative education experience at Loyola University Chicago. The purpose of the Research Experience for Master's program is to provide master's degree students with limited research skills the opportunity to engage in a mentored research experience that provides intellectual depth and breadth along with a capacity to think critically and reason analytically. Through this experience, REM students will acquire the following skills and learning outcomes:

### *For all REM experiences:*

1. Make critical observations, clearly articulate research objectives, design experiments, collect data, and present the results in oral and written format. Students who receive the fellowship are expected to present their research in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Symposium in Spring semester.
2. Acquire rigorous training in research design and methodology, which provides them with transferable skills necessary to be active contributors to the research/professional community.

### *For programs with an interdisciplinary sensibility and/or a community-based orientation:*

3. Learn about interdisciplinary approaches in understanding and addressing socially relevant issues.
4. Work with community organizations that collect data relevant in monitoring our changing social, cultural and environmental landscapes.

### *Application Requirements:*

- Master's students enrolled in a program housed in The Graduate School
- Students must be in a program without a thesis option
- Students will have completed at least one semester of coursework by the start of the Spring 2024 semester.
- Applicants must not be funded from other university sources or have previously held a REM award

### *Application Requirements:*

- Complete 2024 Research Experience for Master's Application Form
- Letter of support from Faculty Research Mentor
- Please submit all application materials to [gradschool@luc.edu](mailto:gradschool@luc.edu) in PDF by **Wednesday, November 22, 2023**. **Please ensure that your materials are properly routed by titling the email "STUDENT LAST NAME Research Experience for Masters"**

Applicants, Faculty Research Mentors, and Graduate Program Directors will be notified of decision in early December.

**2024 RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR MASTER'S APPLICATION FORM**

**PART I. STUDENT INFORMATION.** To be completed by the student.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

LUCID#: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_@luc.edu

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Program: MA/MS (circle one) in \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Title of Research Project:

\_\_\_\_\_

**PART II. RESEARCH PROJECT INFORMATION.** Both the student and the Faculty Research Mentor will work together to fill in this information. Please type answers on the document or attach as a separate document; do not hand-write. Once it is written to both parties' liking, they will sign the bottom as proof that both are willing to work within the terms stated in the answers below.

1. State the reason(s) for wanting to participate in the Research Experience for Master's program.
2. Describe the proposed research project.
3. What will the student's role be in the research project?
4. What will the faculty mentor's role be in the research project?
5. Describe the expected outcomes of the research.

**III. SIGNATURES**

*My signature confirms that I have read and understand the requirements of the program and will, if selected, fulfill any obligations outlined.*

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Research Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_