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 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 present on their research in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Symposium in Spring.
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 who write a thesis as part of their program are not eligible
- Students who have completed at least one semester of coursework by the start of the Spring 2022 semester.
- Applicants must not be funded from other university sources or a previously held a REM award.
- Minimum GPA of 3.3.

Application Process:
- Completion of the REM application.
- Letter of support from faculty mentor.
- All materials must be sent to the Graduate School in pdf format.
- Please submit all application materials to gradschool@luc.edu by Friday, December 3, 2021. Please ensure that your materials are properly routed by titling the email “STUDENT LAST NAME Research Experience for Masters”
- Applicants and their mentors will be notified before December 17, 2021.
PART I. STUDENT INFORMATION. To be completed by the student.

Name: ______________________________________________________________

Last    First    Middle

ID#: ___________________________

E-mail Address: ___________________________@luc.edu    Telephone Number: (_____)__________________

Department: _________________________________________________________________________________

Graduate Program: ___________________________     Current GPA: ____________/4.0

Title of the Research Project:

___________________________________________________________________________________________

PART II. RESEARCH PROJECT INFORMATION. Both the student and the Faculty Mentor will work together to fill in this information. Please type answers on the 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 Programs Fellowship 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

Student: ___________________________ Date: ________

Faculty Mentor: ___________________________ Date: ________

Graduate Program Director: ___________________________ Date: ________