

THE RAVEN FELLOWSHIP

2023 Application



The University of Virginia's Raven Society invites applications for its 2023 Raven Fellowships. The Society established the Raven Fellowships in 1984 to encourage undergraduate and graduate student pursuit of scholarly, intellectual, and creative projects. The Raven Society endeavors to bring together outstanding students, faculty, administrators, and alumni of the various schools of the University so that they may derive the benefits of mutual acquaintance in pursuit of diligent scholarship and intellectual activity beyond the limits of systematic work in the classroom. As such, the Raven Fellowships target innovative research projects that cross disciplines in novel ways. While all applications will be reviewed, special consideration will be given to those projects with an interdisciplinary focus.

The Raven Society will award research fellowships in support of 2023 summer or fall independent research projects. Research may be related to a dissertation or thesis; it is strongly encouraged, however, that proposed projects go above and beyond what is for academic credit. Each fellowship will award \$2,500, and each fellowship recipient will be invited to receive the award at the Raven Society's annual banquet in April. Applications from undergraduate and graduate students will be given equal consideration. The fellowship is open to all enrolled students at the University of Virginia; applicants need not be members of the Raven Society.

The Raven Society looks forward to reading your application. After the initial review of the applications, there will be one round of interviews conducted by a cross-University fellowship selection committee made up of faculty and students. Fellowship recipients will be expected to submit an abstract of their project to the Raven Society and may present some aspect of the project at an appropriate venue.

The deadline is **Sunday, March 5th, 2023 at 11:59 PM EST**. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered. All application materials, including letters of reference, should be submitted via e-mail. For further inquiries about the application process, you may consult the posted Frequently Asked Questions document at www.uvaravensociety.com under *Raven Resources*. Completed applications should be sent to the Raven Society Fellowship Chair, Melissa Abel, at mma8cg@virginia.edu.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Please e-mail all of the following materials, except the letters of recommendation, as a single document e-mail attachment **in .pdf format**. Please name the document “Fellowship_Lastname-Firstname.pdf”. Submit the materials in the following order:

- 1) The attached application form
- 2) The attached budget form, signed by your faculty supervisor
- 3) Your project proposal (contents described below)
- 4) Your resume or CV
- 5) Unofficial transcripts from all colleges attended (undergraduate and graduate)
- 6) A primary letter of recommendation, from the faculty member who signs the budget proposal
(sent separately by your recommender)
- 7) A second letter of recommendation (OPTIONAL; sent separately by your recommender)

Applicants should have these confidential letters of recommendation submitted directly to the email address [mma8cg@virginia.edu](mailto:mmma8cg@virginia.edu) with the subject line “Raven Fellowship Recommendation – Lastname Firstname”, with the applicant’s last name and first name included.

The project proposal should include the following:

- A) A project title and statement describing the project and its motivation, goals, significance within the discipline you are studying, as well as your background experiences related to it. Special emphasis should be placed on identifying how your project is scholarly, intellectual, or creative. If applicable, also briefly describe how your project goes beyond the scope of your thesis or dissertation. *750-word maximum length*
 - B) A description of how your project aligns with the interdisciplinary focus of the Raven Society. How would this research further knowledge both within and outside your discipline? *250-word maximum length*
 - C) An explanation of who would be interested in your work and what you envision would be the best way to share your results of your project (e.g. published paper, presentation within your department, gallery showing, etc.). *250-word maximum length*
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Name

School and Year

E-mail

Local Address

Local Telephone Number

Permanent Address

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Please have submitted on your behalf at least one and up to two confidential letters of recommendation referencing your application. Letters should be written by faculty members who are familiar with your credentials and should include a discussion on your character, merits of the project, anticipated outcomes, and potential for completion. At least one letter must be from the UVa faculty member who will supervise your project and who has signed your budget.

Please name the faculty member(s) writing your letter(s) of recommendation.

Faculty member

Department

Faculty member

Department

SIGNATURE

By signing this application, I affirm that I have read the entire application and that I have answered all the questions on this application truthfully and accurately. I also affirm that I will seek approval for my project from the IRB and the International Studies Office at UVa., if necessary. If I am awarded a fellowship, I agree to present my research and submit an abstract to the Raven Society.

Name

Date

2023 RAVEN FELLOWSHIP BUDGET FORM

Please provide a comprehensive outlined and itemized budget listing your project's expenses. Make sure to include all relevant budget items and the actual total cost of your project. Please craft your budget carefully, as appropriateness of budget is one criterion by which your application will be judged. You need not use this form to submit your budget, but all budgets must include all the parts on this form, including the faculty supervisor's signature. Although the Raven Society may not award more than \$2,500, please represent the full cost of your project for all participating researchers.

TRANSPORTATION

MEALS AND LODGING

SUPPLIES/RESEARCH EXPENSES/PROJECT COSTS

HEALTH*

OTHER

TOTAL EXPENSES

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF FUNDING (PLEASE INCLUDE AMOUNT REQUESTED/AWARDED)

If your budget exceeds \$2,500 how will you make up the difference? If you don't secure additional funds, will \$2,500 be enough for you to accomplish the project?

FACULTY SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE

DATE

*This references any necessary immunization or health-screening costs associated with project-related international travel. For many applications, this category may be marked N/A.
