**SSU Math and Marine Sciences (SSUMMS) Program**

**U.S. Department of Education
FELLOWSHIP/SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible applicants must be in good academic standing, be U.S. citizens/permanent residents, and meet one of the criteria below:

* African-American OR
* Personal income at or below 150% of poverty level and not claimed on parents’ taxes OR
* Claimed on parents’ taxes and parents meet the income requirement of being at or below 150% of the poverty level.

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| Persons in Family/Household | 2019 Federal Poverty Level | 150% Poverty level |
| 1 | $12,490 | $18,735 |
| 2 | $16,910 | $25,365 |
| 3 | $21,330 | $31,995 |
| 4 | $25,750 | $38,625 |
| 5 | $30,170 | $45,225 |
| 6 | $34,590 | $51,885 |
| 7 | $39,010 | $58,515 |
| 8 | $43,430 | $65,145 |

***For first-time fellowship/scholarship awards under the income eligibility criteria, income tax statement(s) must be provided as evidence of meeting the criteria above prior to processing of the award. Please do not apply if you are not eligible.***

**SSUMMS FELLOWSHIP**

 **Stipend:**

$1583/month, equivalent to $19,000/yr if received for full calendar year, for Master’s thesis research. The expectation is for fellowship students to dedicate their full work week to classes and research.

 **Tuition and fees:**

minimum of in-state rates are covered; limited funds are available for out-of-state tuition; summer tuition is rare and dependent on availability of funds

 **Research support:**

limited funds are available for research supplies, lab analyses, and conference presentations

**SSUMMS SCHOLARSHIPS**

Non-thesis mathematics MS students and employed MS students are not eligible for full fellowships, but they may apply for tuition/fee scholarships. Scholarships are awarded if funds remain available after the award of the full fellowship positions.

**AWARD PERIODS**

Fall semester August – December

Spring semester January – April

Summer semester May - July

**SERVICE COMPONENT**

SSUMMS fellows are expected to complete a minimum of 15 community service hours per semester as a representative of SSU. SSUMMS scholarship students must volunteer a minimum of 10 hr/semester. Such efforts may include, but are not limited to: giving tours to prospective students, recruiting at conferences, participating in STEM outreach, assisting with classes, providing administrative assistance, tutoring, helping with field excursions and lab sessions. Assistance with fellow graduate students’ field work is an expected part of graduate school and does not count as community service. Hours served are to be documented on either the SSUMMS Fellow Service Log or, if relevant, a form used by their department.

**CRITERIA FOR CONTINUATION OF FUNDING**

SSUMMS fellowships and scholarships are competitively awarded each semester and are distributed on a semester-by-semester basis. To remain eligible for continued SSUMMS funding, the fellow/scholar must remain in good academic standing, meet all deadlines outlined in their respective Master’s program, provide documentation of community service, and properly complete a renewal application. Students on full fellowships must demonstrate continuous thesis progress and dedicate their work week to classes and research.

**SUBMISSION PROCESS**

Applicants MUST include:

* The **application** on the 3rd page of this document, completed and signed.
*See bullet below regarding alternative e-mailed submission via the advisor/mentor in lieu of signature.*
* **Up-to-date** **CV or resume**
* If student is requesting that SSUMMS cover the cost of tuition, a copy of the **PAWS official bill** showing enrolled courses, tuition, and student namemust be attached. In the case that registration has not opened prior to the application due date, the bill should be submitted to SSUMMS as soon as available.
* **Progress report:**
	+ If this is a request for renewal of your **scholarship** funding, a half page progress report on your courses and overall degree is required.
	+ If this is a request for renewal of your **fellowship** funding, you must include a 1 page progress report demonstrating the advances made in your degree program in the current term, including thesis research updates and class progress. Provide details on the nature of your research, research advances made since your last application, any challenges with your research, any degree program milestones met (thesis committee formed, thesis proposal approved, etc.), conferences attended, etc.
	+ If this is a request for renewal of yourfellowship/scholarship, submit documentation of **community service** hours completed to date in the current semester.
* **Combine your documents to be submitted into one pdf file.** Use your name and degree program in the file name as well as the date (example: JaneSmith\_Math\_25Nov2018.pdf). You can do this by copying the requested items into Word and then printing the file to pdf format. Documents can also be compiled within Adobe, or scanned into one pdf file.
* The form must either be signed by your advisor/mentor OR the application may be forwarded by your advisor/mentor to SSUMMS@savannahstate.edu for official submission. The advisor/mentor’s signature and/or electronic submission demonstrates that the student was advised, that the advisor/mentor has agreed to the class schedule appearing on the bill (if a fall/spring application), that the advisor/mentor approves the progress report content (if a renewal application), and that he/she supports the award of a fellowship/scholarship.
* Applications are submitted as **one pdf attachment** to SSUMMS@savannahstate.edu with either Dr. Pride (for Marine Sciences) or Dr. Lemma (for Math) Cc’ed on the email.

**SSUMMS Program Application**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Semester Entered MS Prog.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MS program:** Marine \_\_\_ Math: thesis\_\_\_ Math: non-thesis\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Gender:** Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

**Ethnicity:** (Choose one response) Hispanic or Latino \_\_\_ Not Hispanic or Latino \_\_\_

**Race:** (Select one or more)

American Indian or Alaska Native \_\_\_

 Asian \_\_\_

Black or African American \_\_\_

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander \_\_\_

White \_\_\_

**Low income as defined on previous page:** yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

**If yes, by parental or individual qualifications?** parent \_\_\_ individual \_\_\_

**Are you the first in your family to attend college?** yes \_\_ no \_\_ **graduate school?** yes \_\_ no \_\_

**Disability Status:** (Select one or more)

Hearing Impairment \_\_\_ Visual Impairment \_\_\_ Mobility/Orthopedic Impairment \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_ None \_\_\_

**Citizenship:** (Choose one) U.S. Citizen \_\_ Permanent Resident \_\_ Other non-U.S. Citizen \_\_

**GA Resident?:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ **Current MS GPA** (Undergraduate GPA if new) **\_\_\_\_\_**

**Seeking:** Full fellowship (stipend + tuition) **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Scholarship (tuition support) **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(*Full dedication to studies & research; thesis track*) (*Employed &/or non-thesis math track*)

**Please type a brief statement (<500 words) below on what SSUMMS funding will mean for you in terms of progress towards your MS degree.**

**\* *Add attachments*** *as described in the* ***Submission Process on the previous page.***

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(submission from student’s regular email account to his/her advisor can serve as signature)

**Faculty Advisor / Mentor Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Faculty Advisor / Mentor Signature**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(submission of electronic version forwarded through advisor’s email address can serve as signature)