



DOCTORAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

Recipient Selection Criteria

To be eligible for the academic excellence award, the student must:

1. Be enrolled in a Doctoral program at National American University (NAU), *and*
2. Have attended 3.0 or more trimester credit hours at NAU in the doctoral program for both the Summer and the Fall trimesters during the last calendar year, *and*
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.66 – evaluated at the end of the Fall trimester.

Several awards are available to students in the amount of \$1,800.00, except where noted otherwise herein. The awards will be disbursed \$600.00 per quarter for three quarters of the succeeding academic year beginning Summer or Fall 2018, except where noted otherwise herein. Students must be attending at least 3.0 credits in a graduate program to receive the award.

Students who are within their first term in a NAU doctoral program may still apply if they received their master's degree from NAU **and** if all other criteria apply. In this case, the scholarship award will be at the graduate level of \$1,500 and disbursed \$500 per quarter for three quarters of the succeeding academic year beginning Summer or Fall 2018.

If you are utilizing **Federal Financial Aid** to assist with paying for your tuition, and if you are approved for this scholarship, it could affect the amount of Federal Financial Aid you are eligible to receive. If you have questions about how it will affect your Financial Aid prior to applying, please contact your financial services representative by calling 512-813-2325.

Applications will be available on or about February 21, 2018 at naufoundation.org/scholarships or from your advisor.

The application, with all required attachments (see below), must be **received no later than April 4, 2018** and are to be submitted to foundation@national.edu, by fax to 605-721-5241, or by mail to:

NAU Foundation
Attn: Academic Excellence Scholarship
5301 Mount Rushmore Road
Rapid City, SD 57701

A complete application includes:

1. Application form (attached), *and*
2. Two letters of reference, with at least one from a faculty or staff member at NAU, and
3. A brief autobiography.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on consideration of:

- Academic achievement at NAU.
- Strength of autobiography and reference letters.
- Participation in extracurricular activities while an NAU student (includes community service).
- Financial need