Biden School Graduate Student Support Guide

The Biden School is committed to supporting the success of our students. We have drafted the following guide to help communicate what is available related to common support requests. We are continuously working to expand the support services we provide to our students. If you have ideas on how the School could better support your needs, please feel free to reach out to us at the following e-mail: pa-academics@udel.edu .

WorkSpace

Access to on-campus workspace is often a critical concern for graduate students. While the Biden School does not currently maintain a general workspace for students, there are several options to consider.

- If you are on assignment as an RA, you should reach out to your supervisor to explore if a workspace is available in the associated center, program, or unit.
- If you are a Biden School Sponsored TA or GA, the School supports a shared space for use to prepare for classes and meet with students. Please reach out to the Assistant Dean for more information on this space.
- If neither of the above applies to you, the library has several types of spaces graduate students can access using their UD ID. Details can be found here: https://library.udel.edu/ourspaces/spaces/
    - There is a Graduate Student Research Room- located inside the Reading Room on the first floor of Morris Library.
    - Third-floor Graduate Student Study Area- features a mix of carrels, tables with dividers, study pods, and soft seating, as well as eight group study rooms that graduate students can exclusively reserve and access via card swipe. Digital lockers are also now available in the space for short-term use with just a quick tap of a UD ID.
    - Group study rooms can be found on all levels of Morris Library. These rooms can be reserved by groups of two or more UD students up to one week in advance.
- The University of Delaware also offers dedicated library research space for graduate students. Details can be found here: https://library.udel.edu/circulation/graduate-students/graduate-student-carrels/

Computing Resources

Students have access to computing resources through central IT and the Biden School. We are working to build out increased support in this area. If you are having difficulty accessing software or computing resources, please reach out.

- *Physical Lab*- Central IT maintains
    - https://sites.udel.edu/computingsites/locations/smith-hall/
- *Virtual Lab*- Remote labs allow you to use an existing computer lab on campus, but from a remote location. The following link provides details on how to access these services.
    - https://services.udel.edu/TDClient/32/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=724
- *Udeploy*- University of Delaware students, faculty, and staff can download software licensed for their use from UDeploy.
    - https://udeploy.udel.edu/
- *Biden School Loaner Laptop*- The Biden school owns several loaner laptops that can be lent to students for school needs. We are working to ensure that they include commonly used software packages and will be available to students for check out. Please contact the Assistant Dean for information on how to borrow a machine.

Doctoral Research Support

Biden Doctoral Fund
Through the generosity of donors, the Biden school maintains a modest fund to support doctoral research. We are able to offer most students up to $500 in direct support of expenses related to the execution of your dissertation research. Please contact the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for details.

Graduate College Summer Doctoral Fellowship
The Graduate College accepts applications from doctoral students for Summer awards of up to $4,500 to cover the costs associated with a number of doctoral development activities:

- https://grad.udel.edu/graduate-community-portal/students/summer-doctoral-fellowship/

Travel

Travel is an essential experience that enhances the academic and professional development of graduate students through networking and exposure to scholarly activities underway in their field by other institutions and provides opportunities to share in-progress research and scholarship with regional, national, and global communities.

Biden School Travel Support
The Biden School is supportive of student travel to present at conferences as an important part of graduate professional development. The link below will take you to a form that will help you make a request for such funding from the School. The deadline to apply for an award is six

weeks prior to travel, but you are encouraged to apply sooner if possible. These resources can and should be used for the required graduate college cost share.

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjypuh-mNmZ5K_K8jn0ez9rF7cU0YCi6pyXzbzr1Auu3MgeQ/viewform

Graduate College Travel Support
This award program provides financial support for graduate students to travel for academic activities, including research, presentations, exhibitions or performance and professional development related to their program of study.

- https://grad.udel.edu/graduate-community-portal/students/travel-award/travel-award-application/

APPAM Memberships

As part of our Schoolwide membership to APPAM, we are provided a number of complimentary student memberships. If you are intersted in taking advantage of this opportunity please contact your program director.

Crisis/Hardship Fund

The purpose of a Student Crisis Fund is to provide a nominal amount of money to eligible students who face a serious financial hardship due to unanticipated expenses. Each situation will be considered on an individual, case-by-case basis.

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Requests for emergency support from the Biden School can be directed towards the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

University

The University also operates a Student Crisis Fund that is underwritten by the Division of Student Life and Student Crisis Fund gifts. Details on that fund can be found here: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?UnivofDelaware&layout_id=24

Other University Resources

In addititon the the resources mentioned here, please also visit the Biden School Student Resources link located at the bottom of every page on the Biden School Website. Plese review site and at the following location: https://www.bidenschool.udel.edu/student-resources. The site includes a number of links of interest to students.

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