



—**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**—
RADIOLOGY MD-PHD GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

DEADLINE: Monday, February 20, 2026

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Department of Radiology offers an annual one-year graduate student fellowship to fund one MD-PhD student conducting their graduate research with a faculty member who has a primary appointment in the Department of Radiology. The fellowship covers stipend, fringe benefits, and tuition / segregated fees for a period of one year. Each MD-PhD student is eligible for one year of funding under this mechanism, and the Radiology mentor is expected to provide other funding sources in the subsequent years of the student's graduate work.

The goals of this award are:

1. To encourage MD-PhD students to consider research in Radiology
2. To encourage Radiology faculty researchers to mentor MD-PhD students
3. To improve the visibility of Radiology as a field of specialization for future physician-scientists
4. To increase Radiology involvement in multi- and transdisciplinary research

The following general principles will be followed:

1. This is a joint application from both student and mentor and will describe the student's specific project.
2. Award is based in large part upon how well the student's background and career goals, the mentor's experience, and the proposed research synergize. Additional consideration will be given to how well the project advances the research priorities of the Department of Radiology.
3. The application will occur during the spring preceding an MD-PhD student's anticipated matriculation into graduate school.
4. Extramural funding received by the student in support of their salary/fringe or tuition during the Fellowship year is expected to be utilized first, with awarded fellowship funds being returned to the department.

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Sara John [sjohn2@uwhealth.org] with any questions.

ELIGIBILITY

- Mentors must be faculty members with a primary appointment in the Department of Radiology.
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- Mentees must be enrolled in a combined MD-PhD program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, such as the Medical Scientist Training Program.
- Mentees are expected to submit a NIH F30/F31 or equivalent grant application during the fellowship period.

DEADLINES DATES and APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Application Receipt Date: **Monday, February 20, 2026**

Committee Review Date: **February-March 2026**

Anticipated Award Announcement Date: **Friday, March 27, 2026**

Fellowship Award Period: **July 01, 2026 – June 30, 2027**

- **Content and Form of Application Submission**

The application is comprised of the following components. A completed application must include the following components arranged **in this order**, starting with the Face Page:

1. Face Page (please use attached Fellowship Application Face Page)
2. Project Narrative
 - a. 2-page limit, 8.5" X 11", single-spaced.
 - b. Arial, 11-point
 - c. No less than 0.50" inch margins
 - d. Provide a clearly articulated research plan, including specific aim(s), significance, innovation, approach and preliminary data (if available)
3. Literature citations (not included in 2-page limit for Project Narrative)
4. Mentor Statement (no more than 1 page)
 - a. Evidence of prior work with this particular student (e.g. summer rotation)
 - b. How does the proposed research advance existing lab research priorities?
 - c. How will the proposed work help the student to develop a well-defined focus of expertise?
 - d. What tools do you use for communicating mentor/mentee expectations?
 - e. Statement that the mentor agrees to follow the MSTP-Mentor agreement
 - f. Prior mentees
 - g. Funding plan for subsequent PhD training years
5. Mentor Biosketch (current NIH Biosketch format)
6. Mentee Statement (no more than ¾ page)
 - a. How does the proposed work build on your past work or interests?
 - b. How do you see this PhD work integrating with your medical career?
 - c. Detail anticipated plans and timeline to submit a NIH F30/F31 or similar extramural grant
7. Mentee CV or Biosketch

Submit completed applications electronically as a **SINGLE** document (Microsoft Word or Adobe pdf format) to Sara John (sjohn2@uwhealth.org).

APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

Each proposal will be evaluated using the NIH 9-point rating scale (1 = exceptional; 9 = poor) scoring system. Each application will receive a separate score for each of five core review criteria (Significance, Investigator(s), Innovation, Approach, and Environment) and Overall Impact. Applications will be evaluated and ranked by a Department of Radiology review panel. The review panel will also consider how well the project advances the research priorities of the Department of Radiology. All applicants will receive a summary statement explaining the rationale for the scores, funded or unfunded, following completion of the review process.

AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

All students receiving this award must adhere to the following administrative requirements:

- Mentors must obtain the appropriate regulatory assurances for all protocols (e.g., IRB committee)
- Awardees must acknowledge funding in all publications and presentations and notify the Department of Radiology of such publication submissions/acceptances, as well as any grant applications using data generated from the pilot project. Language to use for acknowledging support on presentations and in publications. *Funding for this project was provided by the UW Department of Radiology R&D Committee.*
- Within 60 days of the project end date, submit a written description of accomplishments, including conference abstracts, publications, grant applications, and plans to further develop the project.