

Graduate Assistantship Application Form

I. Personal Data Name

Name:

CAS ID#:

Current Address:

Day Phone:

E-mail:

Permanent Address:

II. Doctoral Assistantship Type

Which Doctoral assistantship are you applying for? (Select Only One)

- ☐ Edward A. Bouchet
☐ Frederick Douglass
☐ Ronald E. McNair

III. Academic Status

Undergraduate Degree Earned/Expected:

Undergraduate Institution:

Department:

Graduation Date or Expected Graduation Date:

Cumulative GPA:

Highest Graduate Degree Earned (if applicable):

Graduate Institution:

Department:

Graduation Date or Expected Graduation Date:

Cumulative GPA:

III. Howard University Admissions Status

Indicate the department/program to which you are applying:

Indicate your area(s) of research interest:

IV: Application Essay

In 500 words or less, please explain why you would be the right choice for a graduate assistantship at Howard University.

The review committee will evaluate your essay on both content and form. In addition to demonstrating the principles of strong writing, your essay should communicate your goals for graduate study at Howard University and connect those goals to your background, experiences, and motivation for pursuing a Ph.D.

Your response should also demonstrate your critical thinking, creativity, and potential to contribute to Howard's scholarly community while explaining why Howard is the ideal institution for you to accomplish your academic, research, and professional goals.

Because the committee will already have access to your personal statement, research statement, and writing sample, use this essay as an opportunity to reveal dimensions of your experiences, motivations, values, and aspirations that may not be fully represented elsewhere in your application.

Applicants should address the specific mission of the assistantship(s) for which they are eligible:

- **Ronald E. McNair Graduate Assistantship:** Connect your goals and preparation to your experience as a McNair Scholar at your undergraduate institution and explain how that experience has prepared you for doctoral study and continued scholarly development.
- **Frederick Douglass Graduate Assistantship:** Explain how your background, motivation, academic goals, and potential contributions make you a strong candidate for graduate study and an assistantship at Howard University.
- **Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Assistantship:** Discuss your commitment to pursuing the professoriate and becoming a faculty member and researcher, including how earning a Ph.D. at Howard will prepare you to contribute to academia through research, teaching, mentorship, and scholarship.

Your essay should ultimately demonstrate the connection among **where you have been, what you intend to accomplish at Howard, and the scholar, researcher, educator, or professional you intend to become.**

By submitting an application for an assistantship, you confirm that you have read and understand the applicable description and eligibility criteria and that the information you provide is accurate.

Signature:	Date:
Printed Name:	