

April 1, 2022

Dear Sumit Zanje,

I am pleased to inform you that you have been awarded a Dissertation Year Fellowship (DYF).

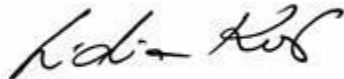
As a Dissertation Year Fellow, you will receive a **stipend of \$16,600** (\$8,300 per term), a tuition waiver for the required three (3) dissertation credits per term and health insurance. Your fellowship stipend begins Summer 2022 and will continue through Fall 2022, unless you finish your dissertation and graduate sooner, in which case your stipend will end the term you graduate.

I want to remind you that you must work full-time on your dissertation research during the period of the fellowship, which means that you may not hold other employment or undertake other types of training during that period. **You are also expected to complete and defend your dissertation research and graduate by the end of the one-year period of the fellowship, e.g., Spring 2023.** \* Publications resulting from research supported in part through a DYF should acknowledge the financial support of a FIU University Graduate School Dissertation Year Fellowship. Copies of any such publications should be sent to the University Graduate School.

To accept the Dissertation Year Fellowship award, please sign the attached Dissertation Year Fellowship Acceptance Form and submit it to us by e-mail at [ugsfellows@fiu.edu](mailto:ugsfellows@fiu.edu), no later than **Friday, April 15, 2022**.

Congratulations and best wishes on the completion of your dissertation research.

Sincerely yours,



Lidia Kos, Ph.D.  
Associate Dean, University Graduate School  
Associate Vice President, Research and Economic Development

cc: Dr. Arturo Leon  
Dr. Armin Mehrabi

Attachments: Dissertation Year Fellowship Acceptance Form  
Fellowships - Frequently Asked Questions

\* UGS reserves the right to rescind the fellowship after one term if there is evidence that progress towards completion of your degree is not sufficient to meet the above graduation deadline.

## **Dissertation Year Fellowship Acceptance Form – Summer 2022**

Please complete this form and email it to [ugsfellows@fiu.edu](mailto:ugsfellows@fiu.edu) no later than **Friday, April 15, 2022.**

Student Name: **Sumit Zanje**

Panther ID: **6174194** Program: **Civil Engineering - PhD**

### **Conditions for receiving a Dissertation Year Fellowship:**

- You must complete, defend your dissertation research, and **graduate** by the **Spring 2023 term**. If there is evidence during your first term on the fellowship that progress towards your doctoral degree is not sufficient to meet this graduation deadline, UGS may rescind the fellowship award for the remaining term.
- You must register for 3 dissertation credits each term.
- You are expected to continue to engage with your major professor and committee members, and participate in activities including but not limited to group meetings, manuscript submission and revision, etc.
- You may not hold any other employment or undertake other types of training during the period you are receiving your fellowship.
- Publications resulting from research supported in part through a Dissertation Year Fellowship should acknowledge the financial support of a FIU University Graduate School Dissertation Year Fellowship. Copies of any such publications should be sent to the University Graduate School.
- You will be automatically enrolled in the University Health Insurance plan. If you are already covered by another insurance plan, and want to opt out of this plan, you must opt out [here](#) by **Tuesday, May 31, 2022** (This does not apply to international students or students on an F1 or J1 visa).
- You are responsible for your tax obligations to the U.S. government, stemming from the stipend portion of this award. Fellows from a foreign country may have these taxes charged directly to their student account as required by law. For further information please read the attached Frequently Asked Questions document.
- You acknowledge that the DYF Fellowship is processed through Financial Aid. The stipend, which is considered a “scholarship”, is disbursed as a lump sum at the beginning of the semester. Please note that in order not to exceed the cost of attendance, the DYF Fellowship may impact your ability to receive other types of financial aid such as student loans. Please contact Financial Aid at 305-348-7272 if you have any questions.

### **Please indicate your decision:**

I accept the Dissertation Year Fellowship and the conditions outlined above

I do NOT accept the Dissertation Year Fellowship

**Your Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_