

April 13, 2020

Niraj Nepal
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Dear Niraj Nepal:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that the Graduate Board Fellowship Committee of Temple University has awarded you a Doctoral Dissertation Completion Grant for the Fall 2020 term. This award is intended to allow you to devote yourself full time to the completion of all doctoral degree requirements. No services are required or permitted of recipients of a Doctoral Dissertation Completion Grant.

Please read this document and initial each page in the lower right-hand corner to acknowledge that you have read and understand all of the terms and conditions of this award. Sign the final page and return this copy to the person designated on the last page. Be sure to keep a copy for your own records.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMPLETION GRANT

Period of Award

August 24, 2020 – December 31, 2020

Total Stipend for the Period of Award

\$11,000 paid in four monthly installments beginning September 30, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020

Tuition Scholarship

Tuition remission provided for a total of one credit, as outlined in your program of study

Additional Support

Recipients of a completion grant award are ineligible for additional support from Temple University until the dissertation has been successfully defended and submitted to the Graduate School. This prohibition applies to all forms of support, including employment (i.e., Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant, Academic Intern, Graduate Extern, student worker, adjunct faculty, or non-tenure track faculty), tuition scholarship, and/or fellowship. However, grant recipients are allowed to accept travel grants and other prize money received in connection with presentation of dissertation-related research that would enhance their marketability.

Prohibition of Additional Employment

Because this grant is intended to ensure full-time involvement in completing the dissertation, recipients may not be otherwise employed during the tenure of the grant, unless written permission is given by the Vice Provost of the Graduate School.

Federal Income Tax Withholding

According to an Internal Revenue Service private letter ruling, Temple University is not required to withhold federal income taxes from your completion grant stipend because you do not render any services to Temple University in exchange for the stipend and, therefore, these payments are not wages subject to withholding. Consequently, Temple University does not withhold federal income taxes from your monthly stipend payment.

Please be advised that all or a portion of your completion grant award may be included in your gross income to the extent that the aggregate amount you receive exceeds: (a) tuition and fees required to enroll in or to attend an educational institution, or (b) the cost of fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for the courses of instruction at Temple University. See IRS Notice 87-31. Therefore, you may be liable for federal income taxes on all or a portion of the completion grant stipend and required to make quarterly payments on the amount you received. If you are uncertain as to the federal tax treatment of your stipend payment and your quarterly payment obligations, you should seek the advice of a tax professional. The Internal Revenue Service also provides guidance in its *Publication 970: Tax Benefits for Education*, which can be obtained at <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-publication-970>.

Health Insurance Subsidy Eligibility

Given that the Doctoral Dissertation Completion Grant is awarded for one academic term, Temple will contribute a monthly health insurance subsidy equal to single only healthcare coverage for the Fall 2020 academic term only. After you accept the award and have completed all employment procedures, your subsidy will be credited.

Additional health insurance information, including open enrollment dates and plan information, may be found at <https://www.temple.edu/hr/students/>. Note that if you enroll in insurance that costs more than your monthly subsidy amount, you are responsible to pay the difference in premium. Independence Blue Cross will bill you directly for the premium due. Temple's obligation to contribute is conditioned on your maintaining your current award status. If you fail to maintain your current award status, Temple's contribution will be reduced pro rata for that period of time.

Standards of Scholarship

Recipients of Doctoral Dissertation Completion Grants must be full-time students and must remain matriculated graduate students in good academic standing throughout the tenure of their award.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCEPTING THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMPLETION GRANT

Deadline to Accept the Doctoral Dissertation Completion Grant and Return Signed Documents

This award is contingent upon your returning this initialed and signed acceptance letter and completing all other forms required by the University. Please initial each page of this letter, sign the last page, and keep a copy for your permanent files. This Doctoral Dissertation Completion Grant must be accepted by **May 18, 2020** or the offer is null and void.

Award Acceptance Deadline

May 18, 2020

If you have any questions about these conditions or other aspects of the award, please contact Shawn Schurr, Associate Vice Provost, at 215-204-1595 or by email at shawn.schurr@temple.edu.

Best wishes for the successful completion of your graduate studies.

Sincerely,



Zebulon V. Kendrick, Ph.D.
Vice Provost

CC: Adrienn Ruzsinszky
Andreas Metz

ACCEPTANCE

I accept the terms and conditions of this award and understand that I am not eligible for employment at Temple until I complete, successfully defend, and submit the dissertation to the Graduate School.

Further, I understand that this award may impact my eligibility for financial aid and have consulted with Student Financial Services to assess that impact:

Student's Signature Student's Printed Name Date (Month / Day / Year)

Physics, CST Email
Department and College

RETURN ALL PAGES OF THIS DOCUMENT SIGNED AND INITIALED BY May 18, 2020 TO:

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