**Rational statement:** A co-funding model for supporting Kummer Innovation and Entrepreneurship (I&E) Doctoral Fellows has been developed to improve recruitment of exceptional PhD students, increase the number of Kummer Doctoral Fellows, and leverage external awards with Kummer Institute resources.

This co-funding opportunity was developed with advisement of the Kummer Doctoral Fellows Selection Committee Members. Additional feedback was provided by the dean for each college (Drs. Susan Murray, David Borrok, and Mehrzad Boroujerdi) and Dr. Khayat, Vice Chancellor of Research & Innovation. The executive decision for this co-funding opportunity was made by Dr. Stephen Roberts, Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives & Chief Operation Officer of the Kummer Institute, in October 2022.

The stipend and tuition & fees of I&E Fellows can, at the discretion of the faculty advisor and over a 4-year Fellow appointment, be co-funded by the Kummer Institute and the faculty advisor’s external grants, SRI, and/or start-up funds. Co-funding from advisor funds can be between 1 and 4 years, over the 4-year fellowship.

**During the years in which an I&E Fellow is co-funded by the advisor, the advisor will fund**
- ½ of a 50% Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA) that totals $27,594.48 annually
- ½ the cost of 21 credits + fees for MO resident tuition (regardless of the student’s residency status)
- Direct Research Expenses for the I&E Fellow

**During the years in which an I&E Fellow is co-funded by the advisor, the Kummer Institute will fund**
- ½ of a 50% Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA) that totals $27,594.48 annually
- A fellowship to bring total award including GRA appointment to $30,000/12 months for the student
- Remaining cost of 21 credits + fees (regardless of the student’s residency status)
- $1,500 professional development funds for the I&E Fellow

The Kummer I&E Fellow is required to be actively engaged in the Kummer Programming requirements and must be engaged in research for all four years of the Kummer Fellowship.

**Co-funding by the faculty advisor is not required; students can still be nominated for and be awarded a 4-year I&E fellowship paid for entirely by the Kummer Institute.** However, students whose nominations include a commitment of co-funding from the advisor will be given an advantage in the selection process (see below). Funding from the advisor must already be secured and a MO code for the source is required when proposing a co-funded fellow application. Co-funding can be broken out yearly or paid lump sum equivalent upfront if deadlines for spending are of concern.

- Nominations that provide co-funding for 1 year (12 months over 3 academic terms: FA/SP/SU) will receive a 6% advantage on the application packet
- Nominations that provide co-funding for 2 years (24 months over 6 academic terms: FA/SP/SU) will receive a 12% advantage on the application packet
- Nominations that provide co-funding for 3 years (36 months over 9 academic terms: FA/SP/SU) will receive an 18% advantage on the application packet
- Nominations that provide co-funding for 4 years (48 months over 12 academic terms: FA/SP/SU) will receive a 24% advantage on the application packet

These advantages are applied in context to both the Student Application score and Faculty Nominator Score.

This co-funding opportunity does not negate the current requirement that a Kummer I&E Doctoral Fellows nomination must include a declaration of full financial support through GA, GRA and/or GTA (12 months, .5 FTE, at a level in accordance with S&T GTA/GRA policies) for the nominated student in the event the student is not chosen for the Kummer I&E Doctoral Fellowship Program.