

Graduate Recruitment Fellowship Program

This program is intended to assist the various graduate programs in their efforts to persuade top candidates to enroll by providing additional funds beyond the typical assistantship funding levels. Beginning this semester, college deans will strategically disburse the fellowships to each department or interdisciplinary graduate program. Immediately after disbursement, the programs are free to allocate the fellowships to any prospective graduate student who meets the eligibility criteria stipulated below. The fellowships can be guaranteed to the prospective students any time after disbursement; however, the funds will only become available at the beginning of the summer term 2008. (Students admitted for the spring semester 2008 are ineligible to receive a fellowship.) All eligibility criteria must be met to award the fellowships, and although the graduate programs are free to award the fellowships without Graduate Studies approval, it is important that these limited resources only go to prospective students who might otherwise attend another university. It is not recommended or anticipated that the students will be required to submit a separate application to receive a fellowship. Since the fellowships require continuous enrollment during the fall and spring semesters, it is recommended that one-half of the total award be given at the beginning of each semester. (Students newly admitted in the spring semester 2009 must also enroll in the fall semester 2009 and receive assistantship funding for both semesters. Students receiving a fellowship in the summer term 2008 must also enroll in the following fall and spring semesters, and it is recommended that one-third of the total award be given at the beginning of the summer term and each semester.) All fellowships, no matter what the admission term, must be committed with a student's acceptance by June 30, 2008.

President's Doctoral Fellowship

This fellowship is designed to assist departments with the recruitment of superior doctoral students by adding fellowship funds to an assistantship. In addition to the graduate research or teaching assistantship, Doctoral Fellows will receive a \$5,000 fellowship each year for two years. Doctoral Fellowships are automatically renewable for the second year given excellent progress toward the degree by the student. Only newly admitted full-time doctoral students are eligible to receive the fellowship. To qualify, the student must be given an assistantship stipend at least equal to the typical level of funding that all first-year doctoral students receive in the department, and it must be renewable for up to two years.

Eligibility Criteria

- Excellent academic record
- Minimum 3.5 GPA in previous degree
- Excellent letters of recommendation
- Newly admitted full-time doctoral student with initial enrollment in either the summer term 2008, fall semester 2008, or spring semester 2009
- Student must be offered a graduate research or teaching assistantship at the same level of funding as all entering doctoral students, and it must cover the required fall and spring semester continuous enrollment period (enrollment and assistantship funding during the summer term are not required)

Provost's Fellowship

This fellowship is designed to assist departments with the recruitment of outstanding masters or doctoral students by adding fellowship funds to an assistantship. In addition to the graduate research or teaching assistantship, Provost Fellows will receive a \$2,500 fellowship for one academic year. Only newly admitted full-time masters and doctoral students are eligible to receive the fellowship. To qualify, the student must be given an assistantship stipend at least equal to the typical level of funding that all first-year masters or doctoral students receive in the department.

Eligibility Criteria

- Excellent academic record
- Minimum 3.5 GPA in previous degree
- Excellent letters of recommendation
- Newly admitted full-time masters or doctoral student with initial enrollment in either the summer term 2008, fall semester 2008, or spring semester 2009
- Student must be offered a graduate research or teaching assistantship at the same level of funding as all entering masters or doctoral students, and it must cover the required fall and spring semester continuous enrollment period (enrollment and assistantship funding during the summer term are not required)