OFFICE OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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Graduate Merit Fellowship

- Encourage high-quality applicants to enroll for the *first time* in graduate programs at TAMU
  - Master’s students currently enrolled at TAMU are not eligible for doctoral Merit fellowships.
- Faculty nominated
- Master’s and Doctoral Students
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Residents
Graduate Merit Fellowship

- Doctoral - $25,000 for one year; $9,000/year for 4 years
- Master’s - $20,000 for one year; $9,000/year for first year
- Reimbursement for cost of personal health insurance coverage equivalent to the graduate student health plan (*first year only*)
- In-state tuition for out of state students
Graduate Merit Fellowship

• For master’s level award, no matching funding is required

• For doctoral level award, matching funding at a minimum equivalent to the standard assistant-ship level for the nominating department and tuition payment in years 2-4 is required
Review Criteria

- Superior academic performance
- Relevant experiences outside of the classroom
- Other indicators of future success
Graduate Merit Fellowship

Merit (Master's)

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Graduate Diversity Fellowship

- Increase diversity of the graduate student population at TAMU to maximize the educational benefits of diversity to all students
- Faculty nominated
- Master’s and Doctoral Students
- U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents
• Minority groups historically underrepresented at TAMU and/or in their profession, have overcome socioeconomic or other education disadvantages, first generation college students, persons with disabilities, veterans or wounded warriors, or will work on scholarly topics related to these areas.
Graduate Diversity Fellowship

• Doctoral - $18,000/year for 3 years; $9,000/year for tuition and fees for 3 years
  – Nominating department mandated to provide an assistantship of a minimum of 25% FTE at departments standard assistantship rate
  – **Year 4**, matching funding required at a minimum equivalent to the standard assistantship level for the nominating department *and* tuition payment
Graduate Diversity Fellowship

• Master’s - $13,000/year for 2 years; $9,000/year for tuition and fees for 2 years
  – Nominating department mandated to provide an assistantship of a minimum of 25% FTE at departments standard assistantship rate
• In-state tuition for out of state students
Graduate Diversity Fellowship

**Review Criteria**

- Superior academic performance
- Relevant experiences outside of the classroom
- Other indicators of future success
- How applicant can contribute to diversity in the nominating department/program and to his/her future profession
Graduate Diversity Fellowship

Diversity (Master's)

- Nominees
- Offers
- Accepts

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Currently investigating

- Student award notification
- Underrepresentation of ethnic minority students
Pathways to Doctorate Fellowship

• Create potential future faculty for Texas Higher Education institutions
• Build institutional links and pipelines with Texas A&M System institutions
• Increase diversity at TAMU, main campus
Pathways to Doctorate Fellowship

- Offered to a faculty team through a proposal process
- U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
- Bachelor’s degree from TAMU System institution
- First-time doctoral student
Pathways to Doctorate Fellowship

• $20,000 first year; $9,000 towards tuition and fees (2 years)

• Up to $1,692 reimbursement for graduate student health insurance
Dissertation Fellowship

- Support students in the dissertation phase of their degree program
- Spring and Fall rounds
Dissertation Fellowship

- Must be admitted into candidacy
- Must reside in Bryan/College Station during term of fellowship award
- May not accept any additional funding during the fellowship tenure period
Dissertation Fellowship

- $1,500 per month (up to one year)
- Tuition/fee payments for minimum number of required credit hours (only up to 5 credit hours)
- Up to $1,692 reimbursement for graduate student health insurance
AWARDS
Distinguished Graduate Student Award

- The **Association of Former Students** at Texas A&M University chooses up to 15 graduate students to receive Distinguished Graduate Student Awards in one of three categories: *Excellence in Research-Doctoral, Excellence in Research-Master’s, and Excellence in Teaching*

- Nomination required

- Watch valued at $500

- Framed certificate
U.S. Senator Phil Gramm Doctoral Fellowships

• Promote, encourage and reward outstanding teaching and research by graduate students whose command of their respective disciplines exemplifies the meaning of scholar/mentor

• Nomination required
• $5,000 cash award
• Framed certificate
George W. Kunze Prize

• An endowment in honor of Dr. Kunze for a doctoral student nearing completion of their degree program.
• Nomination and selection is based on superior academic achievement, publications and good citizenship through contributions to the university and/or community
• $1,000 cash award
• Plaque
Montgomery Award

- Student leader whose service has positively impacted the larger TAMU graduate student body
- $1,000 cash award
- Plaque
Questions?

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