

University Doctoral Fellowships – Updated March 28, 2013

Goal: Increase the number and quality of the doctoral students in GSU doctoral programs over the next 7 years so that the University may continuously enroll at least 2000 doctoral students of improving quality.

Guidelines:

1. University Doctoral Fellowships may be awarded to outstanding newly admitted or currently enrolled doctoral students on an annual basis. A Fellowship may be awarded to the same student for up to **4 years** as long as the student is meeting established doctoral program progress and academic guidelines and is being productive scholarly. Fellowships are designed to be primarily graduate research fellowships, but recognizing the benefit of developing strong teaching experience for potential future faculty members, Fellows may be the instructors of record only after they have completed their first year in the program, and then may teach 1 course (or the equivalent in laboratory instruction) during each Fellowship year (3 semesters). A Fellow should not be involved in other GLA or GTA activities.
2. Fellowships are awarded to an individual doctoral student at the level of \$22,000 for a 12-month period and may be supplemented by grant or other funding. They cannot be divided among multiple students. In addition, in order to encourage the submission of individual or programmatic federal fellowship grants for the external funding of doctoral students training (e.g., NRSA Fellowships, NIH doctoral training grants), the university will provide (as allowed by the funding agency) supplemental funding of up to \$8,000 a year (max total individual student funding of \$30,000) for each new federal grant funded fellowship.
3. Funding for three (3) doctoral Fellowships will be awarded to the hiring College(s)/School(s), **only upon completion of official hiring**, of each new 2CI tenure-track faculty member. The Fellowships are not awarded to the specific 2CI faculty member's **or departments** directly, but to the cluster. 2CI faculty members **should have a significant role in the selection and assignment of Fellows in their cluster**, may be the advisor/mentor to any Fellow, **and both the 2CI faculty members and cluster faculty should benefit from the activities of the Fellows**. They are awarded to the College(s)/School(s) that house the 2CI faculty member(s)/cluster and should be awarded in a manner to support the development of the scholarly cluster/interdisciplinary activities of a 2CI award. Each College/School should develop a written procedure for managing these Fellowship awards to meet these guidelines.
4. Nominations of doctoral students to the University Doctoral Fellowship Committee will come from the College/School. Fellows will be nominated to the University Doctoral Fellowship Coordinating Committee co-chaired by the Associate Provost for Academic Programs and the Vice President for Research, or their designees, and including one representative from the Senate Executive Committee, Senate Research Committee, and the faculty of Regents Professors. Initial nominations from the College/School require submission of each student's name and doctoral program, and a copy of the student's vitae and doctoral program admissions application (even for previously admitted students). For continuing appointments of Fellows, each College/School should provide an updated student vitae and a one-page overview of the student's scholarly productivity, grades and academic progress that justifies the continuation as a University Doctoral Fellow.
5. Each Doctoral Program that receives University Doctoral Fellows is required to increase the number of doctoral students (using a 3-year moving average model) enrolled in the program by at least the number of Fellows it receives, and continue to increase the overall quality of their doctoral students. In addition, it is expected that the program will also work to increase the amount of external funding used for Doctoral student support equal to the amount of University Doctoral Fellow funding received, again using a 3-year moving average model. Each College/School should monitor the number of doctoral-students in their programs, their quality, and the amount of external funding used for Doctoral student support, from that time forward to support the goals of this initiative.
6. Any exceptions to these guidelines require University Doctoral Fellowship Committee approval. Request for non-Doctoral-level Fellowships will not be considered within this program.