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Graduate Assistantships and Fellowships

Graduate Assistantships are available through individual academic units. Stipend rates paid are determined by the employing academic unit. Interested students should ask their academic-unit offices about the availability of assistantships and the procedure for applying. Early inquiry is essential to be assured of meeting application deadlines. Appointments are made on the recommendation of the academic unit chair, subject to admission to the Graduate School and to the approval of the Dean of the Graduate School. Initial appointment requires clear evidence of superior ability and promise. Reappointment to assistantships requires evidence of continued good scholarship.

For fall appointments, apply to the appropriate academic unit chair, on or before February 15th of each year, unless otherwise specified. Deadlines for appointments for other terms are determined by the employing unit.

Fellows, trainees, and graduate assistants must pay appropriate tuition and fees. Fellows receiving stipends of $4,000 or greater per term (prorated for summer) are expected to devote full time to their studies. Students who accept fellowships and traineeship are required to register appropriately. Trainees are also expected to devote full time to their studies. Graduate assistants have part-time teaching or research duties; they are required to register for reduced credit loads, according to the schedule for their appointment. Students on appointment are financially liable for excess credits beyond the required registrations. **If a student on appointment drops below the required registration at any time in the semester, the student becomes financially liable for the entire registration.**

Graduate School Fellowship Program

The Graduate School Fellowship program (GSF) represents the most prestigious graduate student award available at the University. Funded at nationally competitive levels, these highly desirable awards support students in all programs and departments of the University awarding a Ph.D. or MFA.

To ensure that Graduate School Fellows receive every opportunity to succeed, the GSF will provide four years of support through a nationally competitive stipend and tuition waiver for qualifying new students in PhD programs. The awards are for at least two years for students in MFA programs. Most Graduate School Fellows will receive both research and teaching assignments and will be appointed as Graduate Assistants for these assignments.

The University expects Graduate School Fellows to demonstrate high standards of academic achievement and active participation in university life. Applicants for the GSF apply through the departments or programs of their major field of study. Successful applicants will have outstanding undergraduate preparation, a strong commitment to their field of study, and demonstrated potential in research and creative activities. For more information on the fellowships available, please contact the graduate coordinator for the degree program of interest.

Grinter Fellowship

Named in honor of Dr. Linton E. Grinter, Dean of the Graduate School from 1952 to 1969, this fellowship helps recruit truly exceptional graduate students. Currently enrolled graduate students are not eligible, except when entering a Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) program. Stipends are $2000 to $4000. Continuing the Grinter Fellowship beyond the first year depends on satisfactory student progress. Students in the Colleges of Engineering and Law are not eligible.

For details, contact the appropriate major academic unit.

Title VI: Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship

Title VI fellowships are available to graduate students whose academic programs are Latin America, Africa, or Europe oriented.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and must be registered for a full-time course load including a language relevant to the area of their choice: specifically, Portuguese or Haitian Creole for recipients through the Center for Latin American Studies; Akan, Amharic, Arabic, Swahili, Wolof, Xhosa, Yoruba, or other African languages for which appropriate instruction can be arranged, for recipients through the Center for African Studies; and Czech, Greek (modern), Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Turkish, or other lesser and least commonly taught European languages for which appropriate instruction can be arranged for recipients through the Center for European Studies. The fellowships provide a $15,000 stipend for the academic year and $2,500 for the summer plus payment of all tuition and fees up to 12 credits. Academic year and summer fellowship programs have separate application processes.

For more information, contact:

Center for Latin American Studies
(319 Grinter Hall, http://www.latam.ufl.edu);

Center for African Studies
(427 Grinter Hall, http://www.africa.ufl.edu); or

Center for European Studies
(3324 Turlington Hall, http://www.ces.ufl.edu).

Veterans Administration and Social Security Administration Benefits Information

Veterans Benefits

For information regarding veteran education benefits please visit the UF Office of Veterans Affairs**.**
For further GI Bill information, please visit veterans.ufl.edu.

Social Security Benefits

Inquiries related to Social Security benefits should be directed to the student's local Social Security Office. The Office of the University Registrar will complete enrollment certificates issued by the Social Security Administration for students eligible to receive educational benefits. A full-time graduate load is nine hours.

External Fellowships for Graduate Students

For information on external fellowships, small grants, and other funding opportunities:
http://research.ufl.edu/research-program-development/external-funding.html)

The COS/Pivot Funding Opportunities database and the GrantForward Database are keyword searchable and highly recommended as information resources
http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/content.php?pid=215478&sid=1953084.

The Graduate School posts information concerning external funding opportunities at
http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/finances-and-funding/financial-aid-bulletin-board

Office of Graduate Minority Program (OGMP) Student Support

The following fellowships and programs are administered by the Graduate School's Office of Graduate Minority Programs (OGMP)
http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/student-life-and-support/diversity-programs

Florida Board of Education (BOE) Summer Program: BOE is held during Summer B and is an orientation program for ethnic/cultural minorities, first-generation students and students who are underrepresented in various academic disciplines. This program provides opportunities for newly admitted PhD students to build support networks and become acclimated to UF and the community. Participants receive a $1,500 stipend and payment of 4 credits for Summer B. All participants must be registered as full-time students for the next academic year. U.S. citizens and permanent residents who meet criteria for eligibility and who have been admitted to a UF graduate program are invited to apply online at
http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/finances-and-funding/florida-boe-summer-fellowship-program
Application deadline: May 30.

Florida A & M University (FAMU) Feeder Program: UF is 1 of 47 universities in the FAMU Feeder Program aimed at increasing the number of FAMU students in graduate programs. FAMU nominates students with at least a 3.0 GPA to participating feeder institutions for admission into their graduate programs. OGMP is UF's main contact for the feeder program. UF offers five fellowships every year to qualified FAMU Feeder students who have been admitted to a Ph.D. or an M.F.A. program. Each fellow receives a $12,000 annual stipend, tuition and health insurance for up to three years.

For information please visit
http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/finances-and-funding/famu-feeder-program
Application deadline: April 1.

McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program: The Florida Education Fund (FEF) awards McKnight Doctoral Fellowships to African American and Hispanic students newly admitted into Ph.D. programs at institutions in Florida. However students must submit an application for the McKnight Fellowship to FEF by January 15. Awardees are then selected from those students who are newly admitted to Ph.D. programs and who have submitted a complete application to FEF. The Fellowship provides a $12,000 annual stipend, tuition, fees, and health insurance for up to 5 years, provided there is satisfactory progress toward completing

the degree. African Americans and Hispanics who are U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for the McKnight Doctoral Fellowship and should contact FEF for applications and more information.

Visit the MDF website:
http://www.fefonline.org/mdf.html

Florida Education Fund
201 East Kennedy Blvd.
Suite 1525
Tampa, FL 33602
Phone (813) 272-2772

Application deadline: January 15.

University of Florida/Santa Fe College Faculty Development Project: This partnership initiative allows UF doctoral students to teach as adjunct professors at Santa Fe College. Participants, who teach 3 courses per year at SFC and help SFC recruit and retain minority students, are appointed on an annual basis. The program provides a $10,300 stipend for 9 months, tuition, fees and health insurance for fall and spring semesters. Students are selected for participation based on the academic and personnel needs of Sante Fe College. Faculty Development Project applicants must be U.S. citizens from a minority or underrepresented group and hold a master's degree in one of the approved disciplines.

For additional information:
http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/finances-and-funding/uf-sfcc-development-project

Application deadline: April 15

National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering and Sciences, Inc. (GEM) Fellowship: This fellowship program supports African American, Native American, and Hispanic students in pursuing the Master of Science degree in engineering and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in engineering and science disciplines. The GEM Consortium pays both master's and doctoral fellowship recipients' tuition, fees, and a stipend. The Practical Summer Internship component brings the fellowship total value to between $20,000 and $60,000 for master's students and $60,000 and $100,000 for doctoral students. Each M.S. applicant must be a junior, senior, or graduate of an engineering program with at least a 2.8 GPA. Each Ph.D. applicant must be a junior, senior, or graduate of an engineering program with at least a 3.0 GPA.

For additional information, visit http://www.gemfellowship.org, or call (574) 631-7771.

Delores Auzenne Dissertation Award: The Delores Auzenne Dissertation Award is a competitively awarded program for underrepresented Ph.D. students in the advanced writing stages of their dissertation. Applicants may not receive a fellowship, assistantship, or other funding with this award. The award provides half year (one 6-week summer semester plus one full-length semester) of support, which includes tuition assistance of up to 3 hours of in state dissertation credits, and a $10,000 stipend. This award does not provide health insurance coverage.
Recipients may only receive the award once. The application deadline is in mid-April. Students must adhere to the following application guidelines to qualify for full consideration: Awardees will be expected to participate in at least 2 Professional Development Programs organized by the Graduate School, and provide regular updates of their writing progress.

For more information:
http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/finances-and-funding/delores-auzenne-dissertation-award

The application deadline is **April 1 for a Summer C/Fall Award or December 1 for a Spring/ Summer C Award.** You must adhere to the following application guidelines in order to qualify for full consideration. Awardees for the Delores Auzenne Dissertation Award will be expected to provide regular updates of their writing progress.

Ronald E. McNair Graduate Assistantship Program: UF provides a limited number of research assistantships for McNair scholars who are entering a Ph.D. program at this institution. It provides a stipend of at least $12,000, full tuition, fees, and health insurance for up to three years of support. It assists students who have successfully completed the McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program as undergraduates. The student will be appointed and perform research assistant duties under faculty supervision. Since this program is intended to increase enrollment in PhD programs, currently enrolled doctoral students are not eligible. Interested students who meet the eligibility requirements are invited to apply.

For more information and application:
http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/finances-and-funding/mcnair-graduate-assistantships

Application deadline: April 1.

Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship: The Bridge to the Doctorate (BD) Grant was awarded to UF by the National Science Foundation through the Florida-Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (FG-LSAMP) to enhance recruitment and retention of underrepresented minority students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The BD provides stipends of $30,000 per year for the first two years of doctoral studies for former LSAMP students who are entering Ph.D. programs after completing baccalaureate degrees. In addition, the grant provides funds for those two years for each BD student's cost of education (tuition, fees and health insurance). The grants are awarded to institutions in two-year cycles.

Campus Visitation Program (CVP): This program invites prospective students who are underrepresented in graduate studies to visit the University of Florida campus. During the visitation, participants learn more about UF's graduate programs and meet with administrators, faculty members, and current graduate students. CVP is held for 2 days during fall and spring semesters. OGMP provides housing and some meals, and participants are reimbursed for part of their travel expenses. Students must meet the minimum UF requirements of an undergraduate GPA (3.0) and must have taken the graduate entrance examination (GRE, GMAT, etc.) and must have applied to the Graduate School to be considered for acceptance into the fall visitation program. Program applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent-residents.

For information:
http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/admission/campus-visitation-program

Application deadlines usually fall in early October and mid-January of each year.

Professional Development Workshops: During the academic year, the Office of Graduate Minority Programs plans monthly professional development workshops on topics related to graduate student and professional development success (getting your work published, financial management, choosing a mentor, etc.). These workshops are free and open to all UF students.

For dates:
http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/student-life-and-support/professional-development

Please note: The UF Office of Graduate Minority Programs is not involved in processing applications or making admissions decisions. The student's academic unit is the primary contact for both. For questions about the online application process, please contact the UF Office of Admissions directly through the "Contact Us" link at the bottom of that webpage.
For additional information you may contact the OGMP office at

115 Grinter
P.O. Box 115500
Gainesville, FL 32611

Phone:
(352) 392-6444, (800) 753-9798

E-mail: ogmp@ufl.edu

Visit online at http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/student-life-and-support/diversity-programs

Dissertation Completion Assistance

Graduate School Dissertation Awards: The Graduate School Dissertation Award is a competitive award to provide final term funding for UF PhD candidates in selected majors in the humanities, arts, and social sciences to complete their dissertations through defense, final clearance by the Editorial Office, and graduation. This program is for students who have exhausted all funding and meant to allow recipients time and resources to focus exclusively on completing their dissertation by the end of the award period.

The program provides a stipend for approximately 4-6 months. The award periods will be 1) Summer B + Fall, 2) Fall, 3) Spring, or 4) Spring + Summer A. Up to 5 credits of tuition at the instate rate will be provided, depending on the award period. Students are expected to graduate at the end of the award period. Applicants may not receive a fellowship, assistantship, or other funding with this award.

The application and deadlines are posted on the website http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/finances-and-funding/dissertation-award

Application submission deadlines for 2012-13:
November 2, 2012 for Spring, or Spring + Summer A
May 17, 2013 for Summer B + Fall, or Fall

Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Awards: The Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Award provides support for research-related travel expenses for UF PhD students in the humanities, arts, and social sciences. This program is for students who have inadequate departmental funding to effectively conduct doctoral dissertation research away from UF.

Students selected for the Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Award can receive up to $5,000 for doctoral research-related travel for one semester—Fall Semester, Spring Semester, or Summer Semester C. A limited number of awards will be available each semester, depending on the level of available funding. This award is limited to travel and expenses to conduct the research. Students must be registered appropriately. It does not include coverage for tuition, fees, or health insurance. Nor does it include costs associated with attending research conferences or non-travel, direct research costs. A student may receive this award only one time. The research travel must start in the semester the award is given. Funds must be expended in the award semester and by the end of the following semester. A final 1-2 page summary report, including expenses, must be received by the Graduate School no later than the end of the second semester.

Applicants must be UF PhD students in good standing in the humanities, arts, and social sciences. They must have completed all academic coursework, and be actively engaged in their dissertation research. They must have a demonstrated need for travel funds to conduct their dissertation research, and their research travel must have the full support and endorsement of their research advisors or doctoral dissertation chairs.

For more information and application process and deadlines, see website http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/finances-and-funding/doctoral-research-travel

Application submission deadlines for 2012-13:
November 2, 2012 for Spring 2013 award
March 29, 2013 for Summer C 2013 award
May 17, 2013 for Fall 2013 award

Supplemental Tuition Retention Award: This award assists doctoral students in completing their degrees by providing tuition support and involving them in Graduate School-sponsored workshops. Students within 3 semesters of completing their Ph.D.,

who no longer have funding available through an assistantship or fellowship, are eligible to receive limited tuition assistance for the remaining semesters. The tuition assistance is not given in the form of cash, employment, tuition, or fee waiver; it is paid directly to Student Financial Services. This award is limited to U.S. citizens or permanent-residents.

Applications may be obtained at
http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/finances-and-funding/supplemental-retention-scholarships

Office for Student Financial Affairs

Financial aid is available to qualified graduate students through the Office for Student Financial Affairs (SFA) in S107 Criser Hall, mainly through work or loan programs.

Applying for financial aid at UF, including loans, begins with the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Apply on or soon after January 1. Students whose financial aid files are complete by the March 15 "On-Time" application deadline are automatically considered for the most, and best aid.

Complete your application several weeks earlier than the March 15 deadline to ensure that UF has time to process the results of your FAFSA.

Students should not forget to reapply each year. Financial aid is not renewed automatically.

Although you must be accepted for enrollment at UF before you receive financial aid, you should apply for aid before being admitted.

Loans

UF primarily offers student loans through the Federal Direct Loan Program, but there are a number of other loan programs available at UF, including: UF Long Term Loans, UF Short Term Loans, and Alternative Loans. These programs offer long-term, low-interest loans. Your eligibility will be determined based on your classification, cost of attendance, and a number of other factors.

Short-term loans: UF has an emergency short-term loan program to help students meet temporary financial needs related to educational expenses. Graduate students may borrow up to $1,000 or the amount of in-state tuition if they have an acceptable repayment source. Interest is 1% per month and these loans must be repaid by the first day of the last month in the term the money is borrowed. Processing takes about 48 hours. For applications, visit SFA in S107 Criser Hall.

For more information regarding specific loan programs, please visit SFA's loan page at http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/loans.

Part-Time Employment

UF offers part-time student jobs through three employment programs: Federal Work-Study jobs, including the Federal Community Service component; Other Personnel Services (OPS); and off-campus jobs.

Federal Work-Study jobs are based on financial need. To apply for Federal Work-Study jobs, students must complete a FAFSA. OPS jobs are not based on financial need.

To search and apply for on-campus jobs, including all Federal Work-Study (FWS), Federal Community Service, and OPS positions, go to GatorJobs. Choose "Search Postings." For "Job Category," choose "Student."

Search for off-campus jobs through the Career Resource Center website, http://www.crc.ufl.edu, using your Gator CareerLink Account.

For more information and how to apply:
http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/employment

Academic Progress Policy for Financial Aid Recipients

Students receiving financial aid must be making satisfactory academic progress under UF's published standards. UF's financial aid academic progress policy is available on the Office for Student Financial Affairs (SFA) website at http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/additional/academic-progress.