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Date: February 19, 2018  
To: Department Heads and Graduate Directors  
From: Denise H. Esquibel, Ph.D.  
Assistant Dean, Graduate Academic Affairs  
Re: Diversity Graduate Assistantships for an academic year

**Deadline dates for nominations: March 16, 2018**

The Graduate School is committed to diversity graduate initiatives and to help departments increase diversity is offering competitive graduate assistantships to help recruit new students. The award is for one academic year.

Departments must commit funds to the selected student for at least one additional year. The student must be a U.S. citizen for this award from an underrepresented minority group within the department. If the department's match for the second year is 10 hours, then the award for the first year will be for 10 hours and if the match for the second year is 20 hours, then the award for the first year from the Graduate School will be 20 hours.

To apply for an assistantship, departments must submit the following:

1. A statement (one page or less) on how the student will increase diversity in the program,
2. Statistics demonstrating that the applicant is underrepresented in the department
3. A recruitment plan that discusses successful diversity recruitment strategies.
4. Complete and submit: Graduate Diversity Fellowship Form and supporting documentation.

Please note that the selected student must be admitted to the department prior to applying for the diversity award.

Nominations will be accepted until March 16, 2018.

Please contact us if you have any questions at 646-5746.



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Graduate Diversity Fellowship Form
Nomination Deadline March 16, 2018

Student Name:

Aggie ID:

Degree Program:

Department:

GPA: Undergraduate: Graduate:

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Requirements for Nomination

(Initial and submit supporting documentation)

NOTE: This award is for one academic year. Department must commit funds to the selected student for a one-year additional match.

- Candidate has applied and has been accepted by the department
Beginning semester will be Fall 2018
Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher
Copy(ies) of transcript(s) attached to nomination letter
Candidate is an American citizen
Candidate is from an underrepresented minority group in the department
Statement (one page or less) on how the candidate will increase diversity in the program
Indicate how many hours the candidate will work during the second year of the award
Department agrees to provide a one-year match for an additional year

Department Head Signature

Date