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Date: February 19, 2018  
To: Department Heads and Graduate Directors  
From: Denise H. Esquibel, Ph.D.  
Assistant Dean, for Graduate Academic Affairs  
Re: Mike Watts Outstanding Leadership Fellowship

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

The Mike Watts Leadership fellowship is made available through the generosity of the family and friends of Michael E. Watts. The Watts Fellowships are available to graduate students and graduate assistants from any area of graduate studies. This award is for \$2,000 and is awarded \$1,000 per semester. Students will receive a fellowship that is allocated directly to the student's account with NMSU at the beginning of the semester.

To qualify for the fellowship, graduate students and graduate assistants must meet a number of eligibility requirements. The criteria are listed below. **Please note that this is a leadership award that goes beyond academic merits.**

1. Candidate demonstrates a desire to pursue activities to improve the lives of less fortunate individuals and possesses the desire to contribute to a better nation and a better world.
2. Complete and submit: Mike Watts Outstanding Leadership Fellowship Form and supporting documentation.

Students can either self-nominate or ask a faculty member to nominate them for the award. Information is provided on both application processes.

Student self-nomination: For students that self-nominate, you will still need letters of support from your faculty as well as the additional information that is requested below. Your letters of recommendation, copies of your unofficial transcripts and a resume must be provided to the Graduate School by March 16, 2018.

Faculty nomination: If you have a graduate assistant that meets the qualifications and intent of the fellowship, please provide the following to the Graduate School:

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Nominations are accepted until March 16, 2018.

The Graduate School will inform the Watts family of award recipients. The Watts family also likes to hear directly from the students in terms of their program of study, their career objectives, and their community service. Letters for the Watts family are collected by the Graduate School and delivered to the Watts family.

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



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Mike Watts Outstanding Leadership Fellowship Form

Nomination Deadline 03/16/2018

Student Name:

Aggie ID:

Degree Program:

Department:

Current Graduate GPA:

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Requirements for Nomination

(Initial and submit supporting documentation)

NOTE: This award is for \$2,000 and is awarded \$1,000 per semester. Students can either self-nominate or be nominated by a faculty member.

- Candidate must be a U.S. citizen
Cumulative graduate GPA of 3.5 or higher
Copy(ies) of transcript(s) and resume attached to nomination letter
Two letters of recommendation attached to nomination/support letter
Letter from candidate outlining how he/she meets the criteria
Candidate shows evidence of good character, integrity, and has the ability to search, find, and recognize truth in all ventures
Candidate has demonstrated potential for leadership and success in professional endeavors and human relationships
Candidate has demonstrated the courage, determination, and perseverance to overcome obstacles and to do the best to achieve success in all worthy projects and goals
Candidate has the desire to pursue activities to improve the lives of less fortunate individuals and possesses the desire to contribute to a better nation and a better world.

Department Head Signature

Date