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Date: February 25, 2020

To: Department Heads and Graduate Directors

From: Denise H. Esquibel, Ph.D.
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Re: Diversity Graduate Assistantships for an academic year

Deadline dates for nominations: March 27, 2020

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 27, 2020**.

Please contact us if you have any questions at 575-646-5476



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Graduate Diversity Fellowship Form
Nomination Deadline March 27, 2020

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 2020
- 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 (department level statistics can be used to demonstrate this)
- 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 10-hours or 20-hours (The Diversity Fellowship provides funding for the same number of hours the first year)
- Department agrees to provide a one-year match for an additional year

_____ Department Head Signature

_____ Date