Date: February 12, 2019
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 1, 2019

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 1, 2019.

Please contact us if you have any questions at 575-646-5476
Graduate Diversity Fellowship Form
Nomination Deadline March 1, 2019

Student Name:

Aggie ID:

Degree Program:

Department:

GPA: Undergraduate: Graduate:

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 2019

____ 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

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Department Head Signature                        Date