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Assistantships, Awards, and Fellowships

The Graduate School administers Honors Fellowships, Dissertation Fellowships, Diversity Fellowships, and the Summer Graduate Research Assistantships, which are described below. Information about other fellowships is available on the Graduate School website http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/graduate_school/. Students may obtain information about discipline-specific assistantships and fellowships by consulting the appropriate academic department chair.

Graduate Assistants' Health Insurance Program

Graduate students who receive 1/4 time or above graduate assistantships are required to have health insurance that meets minimum specifications established by the Graduate School. Unless students who have graduate assistantships opt to waive participation, they are automatically entered into a university negotiated health insurance plan. The university partially subsidizes the premium for this health insurance plan. For more information, see the Graduate School's website.

Tuition Scholarships and Nonresident Fee Scholarships

Graduate students who receive a minimum of $2,500 per semester as either an assistantship or fellowship are eligible for a partial tuition scholarship (75 percent of tuition for the minimum, 1/4 time stipend, increasing to a 100 percent tuition scholarship for a 1/2 time stipend with a minimum stipend of $5,000 per semester). The academic requirements for holding these scholarships are given in the Academic Regulations chapter.

Dissertation Fellowship Program

This nonservice award is designed to assist doctoral students who are in the final stages of the dissertation process. The intent is to provide financial assistance to relieve candidates of current service-type responsibilities (teaching, research, and/or other related obligations to the university), thereby enabling them to focus on their research analysis and writing. The amount of the award is $6,000 plus a tuition scholarship. The time period is one semester. Full-time enrollment is required. Any student nominated must be in candidacy and must have a copy of his or her prospectus on file at the Graduate School. To be considered for this fellowship, a student must be nominated by his or her department.

Honors Fellowship Program

The Graduate School awards nonservice fellowships to incoming students of exceptional academic accomplishment. Recipients of a graduate fellowship are also eligible to receive departmental assistantships and/or other fellowships. To be considered for this fellowship, a student must be nominated by his or her department.

Summer Graduate Research Assistantship Program

The Summer Graduate Research Assistantship Program provides $3,000 for doctoral students and $2,500 for master's students during the summer (minimum of 10 weeks of research). The goal is to provide funds to enable promising graduate students to remain on task and on campus in their pursuit of a degree. To be considered for this program, a student must be nominated by his or her department.

Diversity Fellowship Program

The Graduate School administers a fellowship program designed to recruit and support qualified U.S. citizens with diverse ethnic, racial, and educational backgrounds and experiences, who will enhance the diversity of specific academic programs, and/or who demonstrate a commitment to serving underprivileged populations. The stipend associated with this fellowship is $1,000 for master's students and $1,500 for doctoral students per semester (fall and spring) and includes a 75 percent tuition scholarship and a 44 percent nonresident fee scholarship. To be considered for the fellowship, a student must be admitted into a degree program, must be enrolled on the Oxford campus for at least 9 hours of graduate work each semester, must be nominated by his or her academic department, and must not be a full-time employee. A partial tuition scholarship and partial nonresident scholarship are also available to students who demonstrate the above qualities but who are part-time and who are enrolled at one of the off-campus centers.

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