Graduate Merit Fellowship Program

Mission: The goal of the Graduate Merit Fellowship program is to attract outstanding graduate students to departmental graduate programs at Ball State University.

Guidelines:

- 1. Fellowship dollars in the amount of \$1,500 (renewable for a second year for the same student) are to be used for graduate students in their first year of graduate study at Ball State University. A recipient must be a full-time, on-campus graduate student, and hold an academic-year assistantship (fall and spring semesters, only).
- 2. Graduate Merit Fellows should be of high academic caliber and be able to contribute fully to their department's goals. The minimum baccalaureate GPA required for master's level students is 3.3; the minimum GRE scores required for doctoral students are verbal, 530 (68th Percentile) and quantitative 570 (40th Percentile). These minimums are based on Goal 1 of the Strategic Plan for the Graduate School.
- 3. Fellowship dollars will be awarded to students on assistantships funded by departmental 1-accounts (no 2-, 3-, or 5-accts) through the offices of their respective academic dean and the Graduate School.
- 4. The additional stipend, approved on an annual basis, must be in addition to the standard departmental academic-year stipend.
- 5. Master's, specialists, and doctoral programs are eligible for the program, but the two-year maximum applies to all three program types.
- 6. Academic deans will collect nominations for their allotted Graduate Merit Fellowship dollars following a departmental nomination procedure (maximum 1 page, plus copy of transcripts) to be determined by each academic dean. The deans will forward their selections to the Graduate Dean for final approval.

Procedure:

Departments should enter only the standard/regular departmental stipend on the assistantship contract that is entered into Formblaster. The additional fellowship funds will be added via a scholarship form that will be processed by the Graduate School.

Current Goal: 19 Fellowships at \$1500 per year (for up to two years) will be distributed among the seven academic colleges. The number of fellowships per college will be based upon the number of <u>departments</u> within the college that house graduate programs. Academic year 2008/2009 will be a trial year, and the program will be assessed at the end of fall 2009 for effectiveness.



Nomination for Graduate Merit Fellowship Program

Name of Student: Last	First	M.I
BSU ID#	Major	
Baccalaureate (or Master's) Institu	ution	
GPA(minimu	um of 3.3 baccalaureate GPA for mas	ster's level students)
GRE Scores (if any): Verbal minimum verbal score of 530 o	QuantAnalytic or 68 th Percentile and quantitative sco	(for doctoral students a pre of 570 or 40 th Percentile).
Department where assistantship is	to be held	
Account Number	Academic Year (e.g., 2008-	-09)
Check one: Graduate Assistant	Doctoral Assistant	
Standard Academic Year Stipend_		
Justification. Please provide an ac Graduate Merit Fellowship. Attac	cademic rationale for the nomination who additional sheet if necessary.	of the above student for a
Approvals. Please sign below.		
Department Chairperson		Date
College Dean		Date
Graduate Dean		Date
See reverse for Guidelines for the	nomination of Graduate Merit Fellov	WS.

After approval by the dean of the Graduate School, a copy will be returned to the appointing department for entry into Formblaster. Departments should enter only the standard/regular departmental stipend on the assistantship contract that is entered into Formblaster. The additional fellowship funds will be added via a scholarship form that will be processed by the Graduate School.