

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

All-College Fellowships

Each year the College of Forestry awards graduate fellowships made possible from endowments and gifts to the College. Fellowships are cash awards paid as a supplement to any GRA or other support. The funding year is generally for three terms starting in the fall.

These funds are administered by the Dean's Office, and selections are made by the College Graduate Fellowship Committee comprised of forestry faculty. The Fellowship Committee will develop and communicate specific application and award procedures consistent with the guidelines of this Memo. Awards typically range in value from \$500 to \$6000 and are dependent upon the availability of funds. College-level awards may be restricted to specific disciplines or other donor-identified criteria or unrestricted. Development efforts at the College level will focus on expanding opportunities for all-College fellowships.

In order of priority, Fellowships are awarded to a) attract the brightest and most promising new students to matriculate in a College of Forestry graduate degree program and b) to honor continuing graduate students who demonstrate scholastic excellence, meritorious service achievements and the highest potential for professional success upon completion of their degree.

To be eligible a student must be admitted to (new), or enrolled in (continuing), one of the graduate degree programs administered by the College of Forestry, a cooperative degree to which the College of Forestry is a party, or a degree program for which a College of Forestry regular faculty member is the major professor and the student's research is supported by funds administered by the College of Forestry (FRL).

Students awarded a fellowship are expected to be registered as full-time students during the period of the award and maintain a GPA greater than 3.0. In general, master's students are eligible for two years (6 terms) of college fellowship support, doctoral students are eligible for three years (9 terms).

Selection Process

Each year the Dean's Office, in conjunction with the Graduate Fellowship Committee, will set the schedule for nominations and send out the application materials to departments.

New Student Awards: A new student is defined as someone starting a new graduate degree program after June 30 of the upcoming award year. Current graduate students, at OSU or elsewhere, must fully complete their current degree program and be admitted to a new graduate program during the award year to be eligible. New students must be nominated for all-College fellowships by a College Degree Programs using forms and procedures developed by the Graduate Fellowship Committee. New students must report GRE scores to be eligible for College Fellowships.

The College Graduate Fellowship Committee will meet at least twice in the period of February to May to consider nominations of new students. The first meeting will be conducted early enough to ensure that awards can be made to students prior to April 15, which is the earliest date for mandatory acceptance of an offer. *Each Degree Program may nominate a maximum of five new students for each round of selection unless otherwise stipulated by the Graduate Fellowship Committee.*

Factors considered in selection of new student awards include: academic record and other indicators or promise such as GRE's, awards etc; descriptions of student breadth such as extracurricular activities, work history, etc; student goals and plans as reflected in the statement of intent, letters of reference, and the strength of the nomination statement about the role that a fellowship award will play in recruiting the student.

New student awards will be offered directly by their nominating program or by the College Student Services office in consultation with program leaders. Typically, new student award offers must be formally accepted or rejected by a fixed deadline set by the College Committee. Awards not accepted by the deadline will revert to the pool and will be awarded to others.

New student fellowship awards are made to the individual and are independent of degree program. If a new student elects to change to another eligible program within the College of Forestry, the award will follow the student. If the student elects to matriculate in an ineligible program then the award will be withdrawn.

Continuing Student Awards: The Graduate Fellowship Committee will consider awarding fellowships to continuing students after two rounds of new fellowship nominations. Continuing students apply directly to their degree programs for consideration using the forms and procedures developed by the Graduate Fellowship Committee. *Each degree program will evaluate applications by their continuing students and may nominate a maximum of five continuing students using the forms and procedures developed by the Graduate Fellowship Committee.*

Factors considered in selection of continuing student awards will be published in the annual call for applications and will emphasize the record of success during the student's current degree program and the strength of the degree program nomination.

If a continuing student elects to change to a program that is not eligible for a fellowship award, then the award will be withdrawn. Continuing students are informed by the Student Services Office of their awards, and will be asked to attend a public awards ceremony in the Spring Term.

Degree Program-Specific Fellowships

Fellowships which have been designated by a donor for a particular degree program or Department within the College of Forestry will be administered by the designated department or degree program. Efforts to raise more funds for these fellowships are the responsibility of the unit or program. Each year, programs will forward a list of recipients of their fellowships to the Dean's Office for appropriate announcement and record-keeping.