



## Graduate Fellowship Incentive Program Award Academic Year 2016-17

### Purpose

The Graduate Fellowship Incentive Program (GFIP) Award is designed to encourage UCM graduate students to apply for national pre-doctoral fellowships, as well as other large fellowships.

### Eligibility Requirements & Financial Support

- Must be currently enrolled in 12 units in one of the graduate programs.
- Must be currently in good academic standing.
- Recipients will receive an award of \$200 for applying to a national pre-doctoral fellowship or other external fellowship of \$12,000 or more.
  - Examples from government and foundations include, but are not limited to: NSF GRFP, NIH NRSA, Ford Foundation Fellowship, DOE CSGF, Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Fellowship, UC MEXUS Grants for Dissertation Research.
  - Must submit an application for and meet the criteria of a national pre-doctoral fellowship or other external fellowship of \$12,000 or more by the applicable deadline.
  - Must submit proof of application submission to the Graduate Division, including the estimated amount/budget of the fellowship.
  - Cannot receive an award more than once per academic year.
- Does **not** include postdoc awards.
- Does include dissertation grants where a faculty member is listed as the PI if that is a requirement of the funding agency (eg. NSF).

### Student Loan Impact

- Per federal guidelines, all fellowship and tuition support is taken into consideration when determining student loan eligibility. If you have received federal student loans during AY 2016-17, please note that this award could reduce your student loan eligibility, resulting in a loan overpayment. If so, this award would be applied to the overpayment and the remaining balance, if any, would then be disbursed. Your loan debt would then be reduced accordingly. Please check with financial aid before accepting any fellowships if you are concerned about the impact an award may have on your student loan eligibility.

### Use of Funds

- Funds may be used specifically for costs of attendance (i.e. travel, research, tuition and fees) to support the pursuit of educational and career goals.

### Application Procedures

- In place of a formal application, students must submit proof of their submission or proof of their receipt directly to the Graduate Division no later than **March 31, 2017**.
- The Graduate Dean will determine if the submission qualifies for a GFIP award.