



Graduate Group Recruitment Fellowship AY 2017-18

Purpose

The Graduate Group Recruitment Fellowship (GGRF) is intended to recruit and support the best Ph.D. students with distinguished academic records. The award provides an additional \$5,000 to supplement the financial offer made by UCM to support the student in their first year of graduate education.

Eligibility Requirements & Standards

- Ph.D. applicants entering their first year of graduate study.
- Submit a graduate admissions application by January 15, 2017.
- All Ph.D. applicants are eligible, regardless of citizenship.
- Undergraduate GPA above 3.0.
- Must be offered with an offer of multi-year financial support.
- Deferment of the award beyond the first year is not allowed.

Financial Support

- It's anticipated that between 15-20 fellowship awards will be made each academic year.
- The \$5,000 award is distributed as a \$2,500 award each Fall and Spring semester.
- Must be enrolled in 12 units before award will be disbursed.

Student Loan Impact

- Per federal guidelines, all fellowship and tuition support is taken into consideration when determining student loan eligibility. If the student will receive federal student loans during the same academic year as this award, please note that this award could, and most likely will, reduce their student loan eligibility.

Nomination & Review Procedures

- Each graduate group offering a doctoral degree is eligible to nominate one Ph.D. applicant each year. Any applicant meeting the criteria above is eligible; applicants do not need to apply. Graduate Group Chairs should submit their nominations directly to the Graduate Division no later than **Friday, February 3, 2017 by 5pm**. If a nominee declines this offer of support, the graduate group may resubmit their nomination with an alternative Ph.D. applicant. If the graduate group prefers, the alternative(s) may be submitted with the first nomination in a ranked format.
- If the graduate group admits 20 or more doctoral students, they may nominate one additional Ph.D. applicant. If two nominees are submitted, they must be ranked.
- In addition, the Graduate Division prefers to receive a rank list whenever possible in case of declined offers.

- This fellowship will follow a multiple step review process that considers all applicants. Review criteria will include adherence to the fellowship guidelines, intellectual merit and academic qualifications of the applicant.
 - First Review - Graduate groups should nominate applicants based on a set of factors likely to predict success in graduate school, including but not limited to: undergraduate GPA, GRE scores, TOEFL score (if applicable), applicant's research experience, strength of reference letters, writing sample (if applicable), quality of undergraduate institution. Nominations submitted by the Graduate Group Chairs must include a brief description of the process and criteria that the graduate group used to choose the nominee(s).
 - Second Review - Final award decisions will be made by the Graduate Dean. Once all awards have been made, a listing of the awardees for each graduate group will be provided to the Graduate Council.

Deadlines

- Admissions Application Due – January 15, 2017 by 5pm
- Nominations Due – February 3, 2017 by 5pm