FRANK B. MARTIN CUMREC DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

The Graduate School offers fellowship programs that provide financial support for outstanding students who plan to enroll in a doctoral or master of fine arts program. We are particularly aware of the special role that graduate education plays in training the next generation of leaders in academia, government and the private sector. In assisting MSU achieve its educational mission, our goal is to foster an intellectually vital and diverse educational community that will prepare graduate students to assume their professional roles in a diverse society.

The Graduate School’s recruitment fellowships support departments and programs in their goal of attracting a cohort of students who:

- have demonstrated academic excellence
- articulate their commitment to research goals well matched to department or program doctoral emphasis areas
- show evidence of leadership potential or of the capacity to make a distinctive professional or scholarly contribution
- contribute to a diverse educational community, as evidenced in personal history and experience, research goals, or the promotion of understanding among persons of different backgrounds and ideas
- have different racial, ethnic, gender, socioeconomic, geographic, and disciplinary backgrounds

The Frank B. Martin CUMREC Graduate Fellowship, established in 2005 by the CUMREC Board of Directors, whose gift fund donation made it possible, aims to promote the development of higher education professionals and the transformation of education through information technologies. It is intended to benefit candidates from a broad range of graduate education paths that offer areas of specialization, focus, and concentration in information and computing technologies. The goal of the CUMREC fellowship is to increase the number of graduate students pursuing careers in Information Technology, preferably in higher education administrative computing.

Eligibility
Students with career goals of working as information technology builders, infrastructure support specialists, IT managers, and administrative process functional leaders may follow completely different educational paths in preparation. Therefore, the Fellowship has been made available to students enrolled in all graduate colleges and departments. The Graduate School at MSU solicits nominations not only from Information Technology (IT)-related colleges at MSU, but also from ‘non-IT’ colleges (in the traditional sense) that offer IT-related courses of study. Ideal candidates will also have career plans in higher education.

Departments, programs and colleges may nominate students whom they have admitted for a doctoral program for 2016, whom they are also nominating for a University Fellowship or a Rasmussen Award.

Terms of Award
Frank B. Martin CUMREC Fellowship recipient(s) beginning study in 2016-17 will receive a one-time fellowship award in the fall semester of $3000-$5000, depending on the anticipated availability of funds in the endowment spending account. In order to receive the award, students must also receive a college or department fellowship or an equivalent teaching or research assistantship.

The Selection Process
Colleges will send nominations for doctoral recruitment fellowships to the Graduate School by January 25, 2016. Follow the University Fellowship nomination format when submitting materials. One CUMREC award will be made by the Graduate School. Before the award letter is sent to the student, the Graduate School will require a copy of the college/department fellowship award letter or TA, RA or TE offer. Students who are nominated for a Rasmussen or a University Fellowship can also be nominated for the CUMREC, and students may accept the awards concurrently.

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