RASMUSSEN DOCTORAL RECRUITMENT 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 Rasmussen Graduate Fellowships, funded by the Rasmussen Fellowships endowment, are given in recognition of demonstrated scholarship and integrity. These awards will be made to students who are strong enough to be recipients of University Distinguished Fellowships or University Enrichment Fellowships but are not eligible because they are not external applicants to MSU.

Eligibility
Departments, programs and colleges may nominate students whom they have admitted for a doctoral or master of fine arts program for 2016, who are currently in MSU undergraduate and graduate programs.

Terms of Award
Students will receive a one-time $5000 retention award in Fall 2016. 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. Rasmussen nominees should be forwarded with the University Fellowship nominations, and they should be chosen through the college screening process used to evaluate University Fellowship candidates. Follow the University Fellowship nomination format when submitting materials. Up to 10 Rasmussen awards 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.