Blazer Graduate Research Fellowship Program- Year 3 and Beyond
Blazer Graduate Research Fellowship Program

- Fellowships awarded annually to outstanding, highly qualified first year doctoral trainees
- Provides financial support including stipend, tuition, and health insurance to select first year doctoral students training across our campus
- 101 graduate students awarded these fellowships in the first year (2017)
- 113 graduate students awarded Blazer Fellowships for year 2 (2018)
Period of Support

• Financial support provided for four consecutive academic terms (16 months)

• All financial support contingent on satisfactory performance per Program and Graduate School policies.

• At the conclusion of the Blazer Graduate Fellowship, students will be supported by grant/contract awards of the fellow’s mentor, institutional training grants, individual fellowship awards, or start-up packages in the case of new faculty

• Fellows can spend up to a maximum of 2 academic terms as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (TA) per Program curriculum requirements.
• Current stipends for Blazer Graduate Research Fellows range from 23K - $29K

• This initial level of stipend support continues throughout the Fellow’s training, provided satisfactory progress is being made per Program and Graduate School policies

• Stipend and tuition payment processing are the responsibility of the departments/programs
Selection Process

- Number of Blazer Graduate Research Fellows supported per individual Program is based upon the capacity of Program faculty to provide support and the quality of the applicants.

- Assessed annually.

- Graduate Program Recruitment Assessment Form must be turned into the Graduate School by December 15, 2018.

- We will e-mail all programs a copy of the Assessment Form later this month.

- The form will also be available on the Graduate School website.
Selection Process

- Nominations for Blazer Graduate Research Fellows can be submitted as early as 11/1/18, provided the Assessment Form has been received and approved by the Graduate School.

- Nominations will be considered up to 4/1/19.

- All nominees have to be interviewed in person, by video conferencing, or by phone before an offer of admission can be made.

- All programs must adhere to the April 15th deadline for honoring offers for admission.

- Copies of the signed Blazer Fellow offer letters must be submitted to the Graduate School no later than May 15, 2019.
Offer Letters

• All programs must use the approved Blazer Graduate Research Fellow offer letter template

• A copy of the offer letter will be e-mailed to all programs and will also be provided on our website

• Copies of the signed Blazer Fellow offer letters must be submitted to the Graduate School no later than **May 15, 2019**
Mentor Selection Form

• The Mentor Selection Form must be signed by the Fellow, the Mentor, and the Chair of the department where Mentors hold their primary appointment.

• A copy of the form will be e-mailed to all programs and will also be provided on our website.

• Signed forms for the Fall 2018 Blazer Fellows must be submitted to the Graduate School no later than August 1, 2019.

• Signing the Mentor Selection Form confirms commitment of the mentor and/or department to provide full funding of stipend, tuition, and health insurance for the fellow throughout the training period up to defense of the PhD.
Blazer Graduate Research Fellows - Expectations and Assessment

• All eligible Blazer Graduate Fellows should apply for individual fellowships

• All Fellows will be reviewed annually by the Graduate School

• How should we do this?