

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.

Stipend

- 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?

