

SROP Graduate School Fellowship Program 2010-2011

Award Conditions and Information

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The Graduate School is committed to effective recruitment, retention, and support systems for all students; inherent in our commitment is the belief that diversity is a critical part of excellence in graduate education. To that end, diversity is part of all Graduate School activities and initiatives, including high profile activities such as the Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP). This collaboration between the Graduate School and faculty has led to the identification and development of highly qualified prospective students and is a significant investment. The SROP program is only the first step.

In an effort to support the recruitment and retention of this talented group of students to an Ohio State doctoral program, the Graduate School, with the support of the graduate programs, is initiating a SROP Graduate School Fellowship program. The SROP Graduate School Fellowship Program is designed as a partnership between the Graduate School and the admitting graduate program.

Up to 10 SROP Graduate School Fellowships will be awarded by the Graduate School to former SROP students enrolling, for the first-time, in a graduate program at Ohio State for Autumn Quarter 2010.

- The Graduate School will provide a first-year fellowship and a dissertation year fellowship (to be activated no later than the student's sixth year in the program). Both awards include a graduate fee authorization and monthly stipend (set by the Graduate School).
- Graduate programs must commit to providing a multi-year funding package during the intervening years. Programs must commit to 4 years of support. A commitment of fewer years will be considered if consistent with program completion norms. The funding package may include GAA, GRA, and/or GTA appointments as well as external awards.
- The dissertation award must be activated by the 6th year. Earlier activation of the dissertation year will be allowed if indicated by student progress. The graduate program is under no obligation to provide funding to the student after the dissertation year if the student does not complete their dissertation and graduate at the end of the dissertation year or if the student has received a total of six years of support.
- Recipients of this award cannot receive a Graduate Enrichment Fellowship or a University Fellowship through the Graduate School's annual competition as part of their funding package. Programs, however, may elect to utilize a college-allocated award as support during the intervening years.

- Student eligibility is established by successful completion of the Ohio State SROP program, admission to a graduate program with the intent of pursuing a doctoral degree, and demonstration that the student has met the minimum University Fellowship eligibility criteria established by the Graduate School.
- Ohio State SROP participants must be nominated by their graduate program for consideration in the SROP Graduate Fellowship competition.
- The intent of the SROP Graduate Fellowship program is to offer admission and financial support to outstanding SROP participants as early as possible. Nomination packets for this fellowship must be received by the Graduate School by November 30. The SROP Fellowship Awards Committee will review and make awards by Friday, December 18. Students will still have until the national April 15 deadline to respond. This approach best ensures reaching our goal of making early offers to these highly sought after applicants. As with all new initiatives, the SROP Graduate Fellowship program will be evaluated at the end of three years to determine its effectiveness and its impact on the Summer Research Opportunities Program.
- The review committee will be made up of the Associate Dean, the Director of Graduate Student Recruitment and Diversity Initiatives, and two members of the Graduate Enrichment Fellowship Competition Committee appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School.
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If you have any questions regarding this new initiative, please contact Cyndi Freeman, Director of Graduate Student Recruitment and Diversity Initiatives, at freeman.414@osu.edu or 292-6998.