SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP
2017-2018

DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m. February 7th, 2017

Saint Louis University is pleased to announce the Graduate Fellowship Diversity Program designed to assist in achieving a more diverse population of graduate students consistent with the needs of individual disciplines to enhance diversity in their respective workforces. This initiative is consistent with SLU’s Mission Statement and with its commitment to make graduate education more accessible to a broader variety of applicants.

Award: The award includes a $22,750 stipend, a tuition scholarship of eighteen (18) hours during the Fall and Spring semesters, three (3) hours during the Summer session and 11 months health insurance, excluding June. Summer attendance is mandatory. For newly admitted students, summer enrollment starts July 2018. For student who have completed one year in a program, summer enrollment begins July 2017. The award is for the maximum of two years for a Master’s degree recipient and four years for a Doctoral degree recipient.

Eligibility:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen; or Lawful Permanent Resident
- Must be accepted as a classified (degree-seeking) graduate student at Saint Louis University
- Must be a new Master’s or Doctoral student (an applicant may have been enrolled for no more than one semester previously in the degree program)
- Must be nominated by the department chairperson

Criteria:

- Outstanding scholastic achievement and potential for success in graduate education
- Employment, teaching and/or research experiences
- Involvement in community service
- Commitment to future leadership in promoting diversity in the discipline
- Other factors identified by the discipline that contribute to the discipline’s goal of diversity

Length of Appointment:

The start and end dates of fellowships correspond with the University’s fiscal year, which begins July 1, and are generally awarded for 11 months (July 1 to May 31). Summer attendance is mandatory. For newly admitted students, summer enrollment starts July 2018. For student who have completed one year in a program, summer enrollment begins July 2017.

The maximum length of time a student may hold a Diversity fellowship is two (2) years
while pursuing a Master’s degree, and four (4) years in a Doctoral program. In the case of a student intending to pursue a Master’s and Doctoral degree, in the same major field, the fellowship will be awarded for two years for completion of the Master’s degree and the student may request an extension, for two more years, for doctoral work.

**NOTE:** This intent to petition from a Master’s degree to a Doctoral degree program must be clearly stated in the student’s Fellowship application Career Goals Essay and in the Department’s letter of nomination.

The student is expected to complete his/her Master’s degree within two years and successfully petition into the Ph.D. program before requesting an extension.

Additional funding beyond these terms may be provided by individual departments.

**Responsibilities of Fellows:**

Fellows may be asked to participate, as part of their overall graduate education, in the teaching and/or research activities of the department or program, and/or in University activities/events. Service to the Office of Graduate Education is required. Such activities are for the purpose of enhancing career and academic opportunities and/or providing service to the local community aligned with SLU’s mission. An annual self-review is required of all Fellows which is submitted to the Graduate Education Coordinator by February 1 each year.

Each academic year, summer enrollment is required for appointments with a start date of July 1. If a Fellow does not enroll in a summer course, his/her stipend will be adjusted.

In order to continue a fellowship appointment from semester to semester during the academic year, all Fellows must remain in good academic standing. A Fellow must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 during each academic year of appointment. If a Fellow’s cumulative GPA falls below a 3.0 at any time during the academic year, the student will be terminated from that Fellowship. Fellows who receive a grade of I (Incomplete) must comply with SLU’s academic standards as outlined in the Graduate Education Catalog.

Attendance at the new fellowship orientation in August is mandatory for all Diversity Fellows.

**Responsibilities of Departments:**

Departments are responsible for initiating fellowship nominations from among their pool of applicants. All nominations must be received by the Graduate Coordinator by the deadline set in the request for nominations. The Department Chair is responsible for assigning a faculty mentor to work closely with the Fellow by providing guidance and support regarding research, teaching, grant writing, and publishing.

The Department is expected to complete an annual review by the assigned faculty mentor to the Graduate Coordinator, which outlines the fellow’s progress and accomplishments towards degree completion.

**Re-Appointment:**
Graduate Fellows who are performing satisfactorily in their studies and duties are eligible for annual re-appointments to the maximum time limit. Academic and professional performance and progress are measured by the following criteria:

- A grade point average of at least a 3.0 (both cumulative and over the past academic year).
- A student academic record with not more than one incomplete or missing grade.
- Annual progress reports to the Graduate Coordinator, from each fellow and faculty mentor.

**Application**: Department should send the following documents to the Graduate Coordinator:

1. (1) Completed Graduate Education Classified Application:
   - All Transcripts
   - Standardized Test Scores (GRE, MAT, etc.)
   - Three Letters of Recommendation
   - Professional Goal Statement
   - Resume/C.V.

1. (2) Completed Diversity Fellowship Application:
   - Application Form
   - Department Checklist
   - Nomination Letter from Department
   - 500 - 750 Word Application Essay
   - One Letter of Recommendation Specifically for Fellowship

**Nomination**: *EACH PROGRAM MAY NOMINATE ONE STUDENT.*

Students interested in being nominated should contact their department of interest.

All application materials should be combined in to one PDF and emailed to:

Angela Rellergert
Graduate Coordinator, Graduate Education 221 N.
Grand Blvd, DuBourg 422
Saint Louis, MO 63103
areller2@slu.edu 314.977.2601

**DEADLINE**: 5:00 p.m. February 7th, 2017
Name ___________________________________________

(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I)

Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________

E-mail: _________________________________________________________________________

Phone # (___)____________________________

DEGREE YOU ARE SEEKING AND FIELD OF STUDY: ______________________

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GRE Scores: V: _______ Q: _______ A: _______ Subject Test: _______

Please attach your 500 - 750 word essay and address at least two of the following:

- Why does diversity in academia, the workplace and society matter to you?
- How would your presence as a SLU Diversity Fellow contribute to SLU’s mission, your department and your profession?
- What scholarly works have you created, published or read that have informed and shaped your values and ethics regarding diversity? (Submit reprints of published articles)
- Any additional information the selection committee should know about you.

Signature:___________________________________________________Date: _________________

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Departmental Checklist
1. Department’s Nomination Letter

2. The following materials from the Student’s Completed Classified Application:

   _____ a. Application for Admission (If student applied on line, provide SAAADMS screen printed from Banner)
   _____ b. Official Transcripts of all academic work completed in undergraduate, graduate and/or professional school
   _____ c. Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General Test or other test scores required by proposed major department
   _____ d. Professional Goal Statement highlighting applicant’s intellectual interest in his/her chosen discipline
   _____ e. Three Letters of Recommendation for Admission
   _____ f. Resume/C.V.

3. Student’s Application for the Diversity Graduate Fellowship

   _____ a. Student’s 500 – 750 Word Application Essay
   _____ b. Resume/C.V.
   _____ c. One letter of recommendation specifically for Diversity Fellowship.

   **Letter may be PDF with signature.**

   The Fellowship Recommendation Letter selected by the nominee should address:

   His/her assessment of the applicant’s past and current commitment to societal diversity issues that involve social justice and equality for all citizens. Any pertinent information about the applicant that was not included in the initial classified application recommendation letter. The letter should be from a professor in the academic field in which the applicant plans to study and should speak to his/her scholarly potential in his/her chosen discipline. The letter must be original with an original signature. It is the responsibility of the Department to communicate this information to the recommender and request that the letter be sent directly to the department. Signed PDF documents are acceptable.

3. 4. Contact information of potential Diversity Fellow Mentor

   Name ______________________________________________
   Phone ______________________________________________
   Email ______________________________________________

   **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR NOMINEE’S PACKET by 5:00 p.m. on February 7th, 2017.**