Q: I am inquiring about the Division of Graduate Student Affairs' Graduate Student Mentoring Award. The website states that social and behavioral sciences are eligible to apply. I am a doctoral student in the College of Education and have mentored graduate students but not related to the STEM disciplines. Specifically, I mentor graduate students completing full-time internships in elementary school classrooms. Would I be a competitive candidate for this award or are these awards given typically to those with special STEM interests?

A: The award is open to all graduate students (including EdD). Yes, you can apply and be a competitive candidate for the review panel.

Q: I see in the call for applications that this is open to students in the SBE Sciences. Would Special Education research fall into this category?

A: Yes

Q: Can the letters of recommendation for an applicant be submitted off-line?

A: No. Letters of recommendation should be submitted to the same Qualtrics link as the application. If a reference has questions regarding the form, s/he can contact Bradley Osburn at (bradjo88@ufl.edu).

Q: My reference has sent me all of the responses for the letter of recommendation and asked me to forward it on. Can I, as the applicant, fill in the letter of recommendation form on behalf of my reference?

A: No. Letters of recommendation should be completed by referees, not the applicant.

Q: The review committee for the Mentoring Award requests 2 letters of recommendation. After looking at the website more carefully, it is highly recommended that one of these letters come from a current or former mentee. I already have secured 2 letters from faculty. Would it be okay to have one more from a mentee, making my total 3 letters?

A: No. We request 2 letters only and one of them should be from a mentee.

Q: I see the guidelines of 11 point Times New Roman font. Does this personal statement need to be double spaced?

A: Either double- or single-spaced is acceptable.