Grinter Award Guidelines

Effective Fall 2019

Named in honor of Dr. Linton E. Grinter, Dean of the Graduate School from 1952 to 1969, this award program was established to help recruit truly exceptional graduate students as top-ups to allocated graduate assistantship stipends. The top-ups range from $2,000 to $4,000. Grinter Awards should be used to recruit new PhD or MFA students to the University of Florida.

Graduate students in the Colleges of Engineering are not eligible. Currently enrolled graduate students are not eligible, except when entering a PhD or MFA degree program. The award cannot be given to graduate students who have a Graduate School Fellowship Award (GSFA) or a Graduate School Preeminence Award (GSPA).

Funding to new admitted graduate students must be paid in amounts totaling $2,000 - $4,000. PhD students will be funded for up to three academic years. MFA students will be funded for up to two academic years. Continuation of the Grinter Fellowship Award beyond the first year is contingent upon satisfactory student progress and an overall 3.0 GPA.

An awarded student should remain on the same project and funding cycle throughout their tenure as a Grinter awardee unless other approved arrangements are made with the Graduate School in advance.

If a Grinter Award recipient is no longer eligible to receive the funding or not all awards have been allocated, the funds can be reused in the following manner:

- Given to a new PhD or MFA student for the remaining term of the funds.
- Pooled to give to a new PhD or MFA student for the remaining term of the funds.

After the end of the three-year funding cycle any remaining funds will be returned to the Division of Sponsored Programs.

All graduate students receiving Grinter awards are required to be listed in the Graduate School Tracking System under the appropriate pool of money no later than the first day of the Fall term.

Students may be appointed as Fellows using the Memorandum of Understand (MOU) form on a lump sum or biweekly payroll or paid via Scholarship Notification Document (SND) each term.