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Funding Opportunities

Bridges to the Doctorate Fellowship
The Bridge to the Doctorate (BD) Grant was awarded to UF by the National Science Foundation through the Florida-Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (FG-LSAMP) to enhance recruitment and retention of underrepresented minority students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The BD provides $32,000 per year for the first two years of doctoral studies for former LSAMP students who are entering PhD programs after completing baccalaureate degrees. In addition, the grant provides funds for the same two years for each BD student’s cost of education (tuition, fees and health insurance). The grants are awarded through a competition to institutions every two years. The first cohort of BD students started in Fall 2008. The second cohort started in the Fall 2013.

Delores Auzenne Dissertation Award
Named in honor of Delores Auzenne, this award is designed to assist underrepresented minority students in completing their dissertation work. The program provides competitively awarded stipends to PhD candidates who are in the advanced writing stages of their dissertations at UF. Students who are appointed on a state-funded fellowship or assistantship are not eligible. Interested students who meet the eligibility requirements are invited to apply to the OGMF. For more information: graduateschool.ufl.edu/delores-auzenne-dissertation-award/

FAMU Feeder Fellowship
The Florida A&M University (FAMU) Feeder Program aids FAMU students the opportunity to receive advanced study in graduate programs not available at FAMU. UF is one of more than 40 universities in the FAMU Feeder Program aimed at increasing the number of FAMU students in graduate programs. UF offers five fellowships every year to qualified FAMU Feeder students who have been admitted to a PhD program. Each fellow receives a stipend, in-state tuition, fees waiver, and health insurance for up to three years. For information, please visit: graduateschool.ufl.edu/famu-feeder-program/

Ronald E. McNair Graduate Assistantship Program
The McNair Graduate Assistantship Program was created to provide one year of transitional support for students who have successfully completed the McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program as undergraduates. UF provides a limited number of one-year research assistantships for McNair Scholars who are entering a PhD program at this institution. It provides a stipend, in-state tuition, fees waiver, and health insurance for one year. As part of this program, each student will be appointed as a research assistant and conduct research under faculty supervision. For more information visit: graduateschool.ufl.edu/mcnaier-graduate-assistantship-program/

Supplemental Tuition Retention Program
The Supplemental Retention Scholarship is designed to help doctoral students without support complete their degree program. Eligible students must be within three semesters of completing their degree and must no longer have funding available through an assistantship or fellowship. This award provides $3,500 each semester. This award can be received for a maximum of three semesters. Applications are available in the Office of Graduate Minority Programs, or at the OGMF website: graduateschool.ufl.edu/supplemental-retention-scholarships/

McKnight Doctoral Fellowship
OGMF, in partnership with the Florida Education Fund, administers the McKnight Doctoral Fellowship for African American and Hispanic students. The program is designed to increase the number of African American and Hispanic faculty in the state of Florida. Each fellow receives an annual stipend with tuition, health insurance, and fee waiver for a maximum of five years. Applicants must be US Citizens admitted to a University of Florida PhD program and entering the first year of that program. Applications must be submitted directly to the Florida Education Fund before January 15th to compete for funding opportunities the following fall. Students are notified of their application status by April 15th. McKnight Doctoral Fellowship applications can be completed at the Florida Education Fund website: www.fefonline.org/mcknpapy/

Professional Development

UF/Santa Fe College Faculty Development Project
This partnership initiative allows UF doctoral students to teach as adjunct professors at Santa Fe College. Participants who teach two courses per year at SFC and help SFC recruit and retain minority students are appointed on an annual basis. The program provides a $12,000 stipend for nine months, in-state tuition, fees, and health insurance for fall and spring semesters. Students are selected for participation based on the academic and personnel needs of SFC. Project applicants must be US citizens from a minority or underrepresented group who hold a master’s degree or 18 credit hours of graduate level credit in one of the approved disciplines. Students are selected by a committee of UF faculty and must be admitted to a doctoral program at UF and meet SFC adjunct faculty hiring criteria. Visit: graduateschool.ufl.edu/sfsc-development-project/

Florida Board of Education (BOE) Summer Program
Each summer, OGMF selecst a cohort of newly enrolled underrepresented PhD students to participate in the Board of Education (BOE) Summer Program. This six-week summer program is designed as an orientation to graduate education and promotes acclimation to UF. BOE provides a stipend of $3,500 and covers four credit hours of in-state tuition and health insurance. BOE fellows attend professional development events and seminars and also participate in non-academic courses including Research Methods and Academic Writing. All participants must be registered as full-time students for the next academic year. U.S. citizens and permanent residents who meet criteria for eligibility and who have been admitted to a UF graduate program are invited to apply online: graduateschool.ufl.edu/board-of-education-bose-summer-fellowship/

Minority Student Involvement

In addition to the support that new underrepresented minority students can receive from OGMF, there are more than a dozen minority graduate student groups to get involved with. Examples include:

Black Graduate Student Organization (BGSO)
BGSO helps black graduate and professional students foster meaningful and lasting relationships that aid in academic achievement and success.

Latino-Hispanic Organization of Graduate Students (LOGRAS)
LOGRAS seeks to promote the development of Latino/Hispanic graduate students by fostering meaningful professional, as well as collegiate, relationships.

Gator McKnights Unite (GMU)
The purpose of GMU is to facilitate networking opportunities, intellectual development, and the increase of African American and Latino citizens with PhD degrees by serving matriculating UF Florida Education Fund McKnight Fellows. UF consistently hosts the largest number of FEF fellows in the state.

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