



~ 2006-07 Graduate School Incentive Programs ~

We are now in the second year of the **Incentive Programs** initiated by the Graduate School; last year, the College of Engineering had NO submissions.

**Student Application Incentive Programs**

**College of Engineering Allocation: \$18,000 (18 \$1K awards) \***

Departments are asked to work with OGSRO to identify top quality students (incoming or current first-year graduate students) to complete the application process for these prestigious awards. Since faculty mentoring is an essential element of the Incentive Program, preference will be given to qualified students who are in the early stages of the application process, as opposed to those who have already submitted or are in the final stages of the application process.

**Purpose:** To catalyze the development and successful submission of competitive applications by students to agencies and foundations that offer prestigious predoctoral fellowships (e.g., NSF, NIH, EPA, DoD, EPA STAR, etc.).

**Procedure:** Nominations must be submitted to OGSRO on the appropriate form (see links below). OGSRO will forward approved nominations to the Fellowships & Awards Office. In order for the award to be posted to the student's account at the Bursar's Office, the student must provide proof of the submission and matriculate at Penn State. The award is made by the Fellowships & Awards Office based on the application process, not the outcome. Colleges may also select students who are competitive as well to effectively use their incentive award allocations.

**National Science Foundation – Fellowship Application Incentive Award: \$1K Student Award \***

<http://forms.gradsch.psu.edu/fellow/NSFAppIncentiveAward-Infoandapp.pdf>

**Deadline: Rolling submission until May 1 (first-come, first-served COE Allocation basis)**

**Purpose:** To catalyze the development and successful submission of competitive applications for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP). \$1,000 awards will be made to selected graduate students who successfully complete and submit a competitive award application to NSF under the mentorship of a graduate faculty member, either as incoming or current first-year graduate students. Please go to <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf05601/nsf05601.pdf> for detailed information, including **Production Timeline**, on NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program application guidelines and the areas of study supported by NSF (pages 12–15).

**Doctoral Research Fellowship Application Incentive Award: \$1K Student Award \***

<http://forms.gradsch.psu.edu/fellow/doctoral.pdf>

**Deadline: Rolling submission until May 1 (first-come, first-served COE Allocation basis)**

**Purpose:** To catalyze the development and successful submission of competitive applications to external doctoral research fellowship Programs (e.g., EPA STAR, NIH, etc.). The Graduate School will process \$1,000 awards to selected graduate students who successfully complete and submit a competitive application.

**Faculty Incentive Programs**

**Predocutorial Training Grant Development Incentive Award: \$5K Faculty Supplement**

<http://forms.gradsch.psu.edu/fellow/predocutorial.pdf>

**Deadline: Rolling submission until May 1 (based on available funding each fiscal year)**

**Purpose:** To provide incentive funds for faculty to develop competitive predoctoral training grant applications which, if funded, would enhance the quality of graduate education at the University and expand support for graduate student research. The Graduate School will provide **\$5,000 in extra compensation** to selected faculty who successfully complete and submit a competitive, predoctoral training grant proposal for a multi-year funding opportunity to any agency or foundation that supports such programs (e.g., NIH, NSF, USDA, etc.). An application for this incentive award needs to be submitted *prior to* submitting the grant to preserve the funds. The salary supplement would be provided upon submission of the grant proposal.

**Grant-in-Aid Incentive Program (GIA)**

<http://forms.gradsch.psu.edu/fellow/GIAIncentiveProgramInfoandApp.pdf>

**Deadline: Rolling submission until May 1 (based on available funding each fiscal year)**

**Purpose:** To provide faculty with a mechanism by which to leverage extramural funds. As resources allow, the Graduate School will consider requests for Tuition Grant-in-Aids to match stipends derived from external grants and contracts that prohibit tuition as an allowable expense. A request for funding should be submitted to the Graduate School *prior to* submitting a grant proposal so that tuition funds can be earmarked for the project if approved.