



W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship Program
The Graduate School

To: Graduate Program Directors

From: Lawrence B. Martin, Dean , The Graduate School

Re: TURNER DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

Date: March 26, 2008

I am pleased to announce this year's call for the Turner Dissertation Fellowship Program, a funding opportunity for students from underrepresented or other disadvantaged groups, who have not previously received funding from the W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship program.

Eligible candidates must be United States citizens or permanent residents and currently enrolled as an ABD (G5) student in a Stony Brook doctoral degree granting program.

This year you will notice a change to the structure of the Turner Dissertation Award. In an effort to recognize academic and research achievement among underrepresented students and to bring them into our community of excellence, we are introducing a new award level for the Turner Dissertation Fellowship.

There are now two awards for which you may nominate a candidate:

- (1) A candidate may be nominated upon advancing to candidacy (Fall 2007 to present). These candidates are eligible for two years of support of up to \$10,000 per year. In keeping with the guidelines of standard Turner Awards, this new 2-year dissertation fellowship must coexist with at least a one-half TA/RA or GA appointment. Also, these candidates are expected to contribute to the Turner/CIE community through their participation our events and activities.

Or

- (2) A candidate may be nominated to receive support during their final year of dissertation study (AY 08-09) for an academic year dissertation fellowship award of up to \$10,000. This can be a standalone award. However, using this as a supplement to a TA/RA or GA will receive priority consideration.

*In all cases, students must be G5 as of Spring 2008 and the total compensation package including the Turner Dissertation Award cannot exceed \$30,000.

For information on deadlines and additional nomination guidelines, please see the attached announcement and official nomination form.

You may contact Nina Maung, Director, W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship Program or Toni Vicari, Turner Fellowship Program Coordinator at 632-9560 with any additional questions.

cc: Graduate Program Chairs
Graduate Program Coordinators
Deans
Department Chairs
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President Shirley Strum Kenny

W. BURGHARDT TURNER DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

Mission of the Turner Fellowship Dissertation Award

To assist underrepresented or other disadvantaged students in the timely completion of their dissertation and to engage them in the Turner Fellowship community as campus ambassadors. Turner Fellows demonstrate that our nation's historically underrepresented or disadvantaged groups can rise to the occasion of graduate scholarship. Turner fellows show intent to carry out their social responsibility as future leaders, educators, and/or researchers here in the United States.

Awards

- ◆ A *minimum* of three awards will be given, additional awards may be made based on the availability of funds
- ◆ Depending on the award level, a candidate may be receive a one-year or two-year award, up to \$10,000 per year, to be disbursed in two one-half installments mid-way through each semester and at the end of each semester (fall and spring) – specific disbursement will be provided in the award letter.
- ◆ Recipients must be registered for full time study by day 15 of each semester in order to maintain eligibility

Eligibility

1. United States citizen or permanent resident
2. Doctoral student at Stony Brook
3. Advancement to candidacy effective Spring 2008 semester
4. Has not previously received any W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship funding

Nomination Procedures

1. Completed Nomination Form
 2. Nomination letter from the Graduate Program Director or Chair
 3. Supporting letter from the dissertation advisor
- please note: at least one of the two letters above should clearly include details addressing the following:
- the stage of the dissertation writing
 - projection date for completion for the Ph.D.
 - members of the student's dissertation committee indicating who is chair
 - any additional information would aid in the decision
4. Graduate level transcripts (official transcripts from Stony Brook are NOT necessary)
 5. A current C.V.
 6. A brief description of the research from the student
 7. A Turner Fellowship statement that consists of a one-page personal statement from the candidate stating the ways in which the candidate believes s/he will contribute to the diversity on campus or their field of study, their long term goals and how the dissertation award will help them realize those goals. It would be helpful to include any information related to their academic/social experience that relates to the mission of Turner and any involvement they have had with the NSFAGEP or Turner Fellowship communities or activities.

For more information about the Turner Fellowship Program, including our mission statement, please visit our Web site at: <http://www.grad.sunysb.edu/turner/>

Deadline

Seven copies of the nomination packets need to be received by **April 28, 2008**.

Nomination packets are to be sent to:

W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship Program
Center for Inclusive Education
Stony Brook University
E-1340 Melville Library, Z=3387

Please indicate on the outside of the envelope: **Dissertation Award Nomination**

