

University Graduate School Support for Enhancement of Doctoral Student Recruitment 2017-2018

The University Graduate School (UGS) is pleased to announce its 2017-2018 initiative to assist doctoral programs to recruit highly qualified Ph.D. students. This year's initiative places increased importance on proposals that show concerted efforts to recruit underrepresented minorities into doctoral programs, specifically women, Africa-Americans and Hispanic-Americans. UGS will make recruiting money available for each academic unit with a doctoral program. In response to your requests to accommodate the diverse recruiting needs of the units, potential uses of these funds include but are not limited to the following:

- Recruitment efforts targeted toward potential Presidential Fellows
- Travel for highly-qualified **admitted** Ph.D. students to visit campus (the department is responsible for travel arrangements)
- Advertisements
- Direct mailings
- Purchase of mailing lists/e-mail lists
- Open houses or other on-campus recruiting event(s)
- Recruitment events at local industries, employers, professional societies, etc.
- Internet-based conferencing with prospective students
- Travel for faculty to recruit at conferences or universities
- OPS support for recruiting efforts

This initiative for enhancement of recruitment is being supported with non-recurring funds, such that these funds may not be available in subsequent academic years. Units should plan accordingly.

Eligibility:

Ph.D.-granting units at Florida International University. (Several Ph.D.-granting units within a College/School may submit a combined proposal. Master's programs may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Master's programs that are feeder programs to doctoral programs can apply in partnership with the doctoral granting units.)

IMPORTANT note for units that received recruitment funds last year: If the unit has not submitted the required summary report of last year's recruitment activities, the unit will not be eligible to receive funds until the report is submitted and approved by UGS. If the 2016-2017 award was not spent in its entirety, the unit is not eligible to receive funds this year.

Amount of Support: Awards are up to **\$5,000** per unit. Since these funds are intended for *enhancement of* Ph.D. recruitment, Ph.D.-granting units are required to commit **matching funds** for these activities. Each proposal must have a cost-sharing commitment from the department and/or the College/School.

Deadlines:

- June 1st, 2017 – Recruitment report* due (2015-2016 funding recipients only)
- June 1st, 2017 – Recruitment proposal due
- June 1st, 2018 – Deadline to expend the 2016-2017 recruitment funds
- June 1st, 2018 – Recruitment report of 2016-2017 activities due

* One page report detailing both the activities and the outcomes of the UGS-supported recruiting effort(s).

Proposals must include the following information (not to exceed 3 pages):

- Proposal Cover Sheet (attached)
- E&G account number to which the funds should be transferred if awarded. (Although the UGS is not opposed to supporting recruitment plans that include social activities, be cognizant that E&G funds cannot be used to buy concession items such as food or beverages.)
- Additional Ph.D.-granting units(s) and/or programs (e.g., M.S. programs) that would potentially benefit from recruitment efforts
- Outline of overall 2017-2018 recruitment plan for the Ph.D. program
- Proposal must reflect efforts to recruit women, African Americans and Hispanic-Americans
- Portion of the recruitment plan for which funds are being requested
- Estimated Budget
 - Expenses
 - Specifics of cost sharing commitment

Please submit proposal **to Irene Baquero by June 1st, 2017** – in person, MARC 240; by email ibaquero@fiu.edu; or by fax, 305-348-3433.

Disbursement of Funds: Funds will be disbursed to the unit submitting the application upon approval of program proposal by UGS. Approvals will be completed by July 1st with disbursement of funds taking place during the month of July.

Limitations on student travel/usage of funds: Airfare is limited to travel within the domestic US and US territories, and no more than 2 nights of lodging may be provided. Funds for an individual candidate are not to exceed \$1,000. Funds *cannot* be used for concession items including food/drink.

Reporting Requirement Deadline (June 1st, 2018): Departments receiving funds from this initiative must submit a 1-page report to UGS, which details both the activities and the outcomes of the UGS-supported recruiting effort(s) by June 1st, 2017.

Units will be notified of UGS funding decisions by July 1st.

**University Graduate School Recruitment Enhancement Initiative
2017-2018
Proposal Cover Sheet
(Proposal must be approved and signed by the college Dean)**

Name of Unit Representative:

PhD Granting Unit:

Room/Office #:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Amount of Funds Requested:

(\$5,000 max)

Your Unit/College Match:

Budget Manager Name:

Budget Manager Phone Ext:

Budget Manager Email:

Department ID Number (E&G Accounts only) to Transfer Funds:

College Dean's Approval: _____
Signature Date

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Deadline for proposal submission – June 1st, 2017

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