The Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics is pleased to announce the creation of three Dean’s Doctoral Fellowships to be awarded annually. This document describes the nature of the fellowships and the policies related to eligibility and selection of Dean’s Fellows.

Policies

1. Fellowships are to be used to recruit outstanding students to the doctoral programs in the division.
2. Nominees for the fellowship must meet all University and departmental requirements for admission to the doctoral program.
3. The duration of the fellowships is for one year (12 consecutive months).
4. Unlike GTAs and GRAs, Dean’s Fellows are not required to perform any type of service during their 1st year and are expected to devote their time to the mastery of their coursework and the establishment of a research program for the doctoral dissertation.
5. Fellowships include a stipend funded at the current departmental GTA rate (12 x monthly GTA stipend), up to 24 hrs of tuition waiver (27 for students majoring in a program with a mandatory 27 hour first year requirement), and payment of the University’s graduate student health insurance premium.
6. Fellowships may be awarded only for the initial year of the student’s program. The fellowships are non-renewable; departments are expected to use existing GXA positions (preferably GRA positions) or other resources to fund the student in subsequent years. Recipients will generally move to a GTA position after the 1st year, then to a funded GRA position for the remainder of their time at DU.
7. Fellowships are non-stackable (fellowships may not be awarded in addition to other awards such as GXAs or other forms of financial assistance or awards.)
8. Fellowship recipients are expected to take a full load of courses during their first year and to devote the summer months to supervised research and/or dissertation proposal preparation. Any unused tuition hours may be applied toward independent research hours in the summer of the first year of residence at the University. Recipients must be enrolled for a minimum of 8 credit hours per quarter.
9. A short report from the faculty advisor/department chair describing the research activities completed by the fellowship recipient during the summer is required. This report is due to the Office of the Dean by October 1st of the recipient’s second year in the program.
10. The selection process is based on merit and is competitive among across the division (minimum qualifications: GRE scores of 1100 or better, 3.3 undergraduate GPA). The selection of fellows will be administered by the Office of the Dean.

Nomination Process

1. Nominations of candidates for fellowships are due in the Office of the Dean by February 1st.
2. Departments may nominate up to three candidates annually.
3. Nomination packet must include the following items:
   - Deans Fellowship Nomination Form (available on the NSM website and from the Dean’s Office.)
   - Letter of nomination from the department chair. The letter should include a review of the nominee’s potential for success in the doctoral program as well as an explanation as to why the nominee is deserving of the recognition of being named a Dean’s Fellow.
   - Transcripts from all previous institutions of higher learning
   - GRE scores
   - Copy of the student’s program admission essay