

### **Graduate Student Fellowships Committee**

The Graduate Student Fellowships Committee determines and manages the application and selection process for graduate students applying for internal fellowships such as the Distinguished Dissertation Fellowship and the Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowship. The committee also recommends general policy changes related to fellowships to the Graduate Faculty Committee.

(1) **Membership**

Sixteen (16) members as follows:

- (a) Twelve (12) faculty elected from among the Graduate Faculty from the divisions of Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences, Professions, and Social Sciences. Three members must be elected from each of these four divisions, and no more than one member may serve from any one department or non-departmentalized school or college. Faculty members are elected to staggered, three-year terms, and no member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms or portions thereof. Elected members of the committee should reflect the range of disciplinary competencies in the university and represent the schools and colleges insofar as the size of the committee allows.
- (b) One (1) graduate student member appointed annually by the Student Association. Student members must be currently enrolled graduate students. Student members will not review fellowship applications or participate in closed meetings where applications are discussed.
- (c) The dean of the Graduate School, or designee, and fellowships coordinator of the Graduate School serve as ex-officio members.
- (d) The chair of the Graduate Student Fellowships Committee also serves on the Graduate Faculty Committee.
- (e) The Graduate Student Fellowships Committee will elect a chair from among its membership at its first meeting of each academic year.
- (f) The Graduate Student Fellowships Committee has the authority to declare vacant the seat of those committee members who fail to attend three (3) regular meetings in an academic year.

(2) Functions

- (a) Within the provisions of UWM regulations and practices, the committee formulates and implements procedures for allocation of available fellowship funds administered by the Graduate School. To this end, the committee annually establishes regular procedures that include but are not limited to application deadlines, nomination forms, review and selection procedures, and award announcements.
- (b) Following its designated application and selection procedures, the committee annually reviews applications and recommends fellowship awards for meritorious graduate students.
- (c) The committee makes recommendations to the Graduate Faculty Committee for general policy changes that relate to graduate fellowships across all programs. The committee may make such recommendations on its own initiative, at the request of the GFC, or at the request of the administration of the Graduate School.
- (d) On request of the administration of the Graduate School, the committee may assist in the assignment of other graduate student financial support awards.

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