March 2018 GAC Highlights

At-a-glance deadlines:

April 15 – All University and Diversity Fellowship acceptances / declines must be reported to the Graduate Office

April 20 – President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship call for nominations – IU and Purdue

Upcoming Events:

April 4-7 – Getting You into IUPUI
April 9 -13 – Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week
April 11 – Elite 50 dinner.
April 11 – Workshop, Unpacking Requests for Funding Proposals

Associate Dean’s Report

The Purdue Graduate School in West Lafayette is co-sponsoring with the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation a workshop on “Strategies to Attract and Support URM Graduate Students” (see attachment). The workshop will be held on the Purdue Campus in West Lafayette in the Stewart Center on Thursday, April 19 from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Please feel free to come for all or part of the workshop. Lunch will be provided at noon in the PMU North Ballroom. Please RSVP if you will attend lunch to chollingsworth@purdue.edu by April 11, 2018.

Assistant Dean’s Report

Orientation survey for students will be distributed the 1st week of April

We are planning to host 18 (16 out of state and 2 local) students at this year’s Getting you into IUPUI institute which will be held next week April 4-7. Dr. Hardy will also be attending the Undergraduate Research Conference at Butler University April 13.

We are currently in the process of planning faculty exchanges with Faculty from Engineering and from Nursing during April. Please contact Dr. Hardy if you are interested in planning a Faculty Exchange for the fall.

Upcoming workshop April 11 on unpacking requests for funding proposals 12:00-1:30 UL 1126. Register here: https://iu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0OjGM5ZqPrZ9ulL

We had 41 faculty members who were nominated for the Graduate Mentoring Center’s Outstanding Mentor Award. The winner will be announced at Elite 50, April 11th Hine Hall Ballroom 6-8pm

Graduate Office Report

IUPUI Graduate Student Appreciation week aligns with the Elite 50 – please see attached for a full listing of events, and consider hosting your own events!
Committee Reports

Fellowship

Offers are out for all IUPUI Graduate Office Fellowships. Please let us know who has declined these offers by April 15.

The next committee meeting will take place April 25 to discuss Fellowship guidelines for next year.

President’s Diversity Dissertation call for nominations has been sent with a deadline of April 20 (see attachment). Note this is now open to Purdue PhD students whose degree will be conferred by IUPUI.

Graduate Recruitment Council

Accelerate Acceptance: The Secrets of Graduate Admissions Speed Sessions for prospective graduate students will be held Thursday, April 5 from 4-6 p.m. in Campus Center, Room 031. This workshop covers letters of recommendation, personal statements, GRE test prep and more. Students may register here: https://survey.graduate.iu.edu/machform/view.php?id=14275

The next Getting into Graduate School Information Session will be held Wednesday, April 18 from noon to 1 p.m. in UL 1126. Students may register here: https://survey.graduate.iu.edu/machform/view.php?id=17041

The following are attachments to the March 2018 Highlights:

Strategies to Attract and Support URM Graduate Students
PFFP Unpacking Request for Funding Proposals Workshop
Graduate Student Appreciation Week
The 2018-2019 President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship
STRATEGIES TO ATTRACT AND SUPPORT URM GRADUATE STUDENTS

Thursday, April 19, 2018
Stewart Center, Room 202
9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Lunch is included

Effective recruitment and mentoring strategies for underrepresented minority (URM) graduate students are crucial for student success and for creating a more diverse and inclusive university. Workshop participants will learn about effective strategies from national experts, about the experiences of URM alumni, and about resources available to graduate students and mentors at Purdue.

This workshop is funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and co-sponsored by the Purdue University Graduate School.

For more information on the Sloan Foundation, please visit their website: https://sloan.org/programs/higher-education

For more information on The Purdue University Graduate School diversity initiatives, please visit their website: https://www.purdue.edu/gradscfcoo/diversity/

Unfinished Business: National Contexts on URM Graduate Degree Attainment
Presented by Dr. Hironao Okahana, Council of Graduate Schools

Utilizing Holistic Review Practices in Graduate Admissions
Presented by Dr. Casey Miller, Rochester Institute of Technology

Academic Family: Reconceptualizing Mentoring for Graduate Students from Communities Historically Underrepresented in STEM
Presented by Dr. Sweeney Windchief, Montana State University

The URM Graduate Student Experience at Purdue University: An Alumni Panel
Featuring: Dr. Adrienne Carter-Sovell, Texas A&M University; Dr. Vanessa Valentín, University of New Mexico; and Dr. Michele Yatchmeneff, University of Alaska Anchorage

Support Mechanisms that Facilitate Underrepresented Minority Graduate Student Success and Degree Completion at Traditionally White Institutions
Presented by Dr. Levon Esters, Purdue University

Graduate School Programs to Attract and Support URM Graduate Students
Presented by Dr. Linda Mason, Purdue University
PFFP UNPACKING REQUEST for FUNDING PROPOSALS (RFPs) WORKSHOP

Extramural funding can seem like an impregnable fortress. Understanding a proposal’s components and contexts is essential to being competitive. Both proposals and evaluation plans are integral to your funding success so let’s do some unpacking so you can begin from a position of power.

April 11, 2018
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
University Library UL 1126
RSVP: http://go.iu.edu/1SQi
Lunch will be provided.

Presented by:

Erin Foster, MSLS
Data Services Librarian
Ruth Lilly Medical Library

Geoffrey Pollock, MFA
Proposal Development Specialist
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research

Jacqueline Singh, MPP, PhD
Executive Evaluation & Program Design Advisor
Qualitative Advantage, LLC
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<td><strong>Yoga in the Gallery</strong>&lt;br&gt;????&lt;br&gt;Culteral Arts Gallery, CE&lt;br&gt;Class is open to all experience levels. First 20 graduate students to arrive will receive a yoga mat! Space is limited, so please arrive early.</td>
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<td><strong>Professional “Head Shots”</strong>&lt;br&gt;10am - 12pm&lt;br&gt;Dental School Student Lounge&lt;br&gt;Swing by for a quick breakfast to kickstart your morning!</td>
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<td><strong>Elite 50 Celebration Dinner</strong>&lt;br&gt;6 - 8pm&lt;br&gt;University Tower Ballroom&lt;br&gt;Celebrate the achievement and successes of graduate and professional students at this recognition dinner.</td>
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<td><strong>Massages!</strong>&lt;br&gt;1 - 3pm&lt;br&gt;GPSG Office&lt;br&gt;Come by the GPSG office and have your stress massaged away. 15 minute interval massages available starting at 1 pm till 3pm.</td>
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The 2018-2019 President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship

Competition is OPEN and applications are being accepted.

Application deadline: April 20, 2018

Purpose and Eligibility for the President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship

The President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship was established in 2014 to provide one year of support to advanced doctoral students who are completing Ph.D. dissertations. These are one time fellowships meant to offset a scholar’s living expenses while completing the dissertation. This competition is specifically aimed at graduate students who are underrepresented minorities (URMs) in their field. The URM designation applies to racial, ethnic, gender and disability classification. Graduate students in the natural, physical and life sciences, technology, and math fields, are especially encouraged to apply. In order to apply for this award, applicants must have been admitted to candidacy and receive PhD recorder approval at least one month prior to the application deadline.

Dissertation fellowships will be awarded in a university-wide competition administered by core campus committees to individuals who have demonstrated academic achievement and show promise of future achievement as scholars, teachers, researchers or professionals. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a strong likelihood of filing the thesis at the end of the fellowship period. President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship recipients will receive a full stipend and health insurance for one year as they work toward completing the PhD degree.

Stipend and Benefits:

1. One-year stipend: $20,000 (non-STIM) - $25,000 (STIM) disciplines.
2. Student health insurance for fellowship recipients
3. Opportunity to participate in workshops in the newly formed Graduate Mentorship Institute and the IUPUI Preparing Future Faculty and Professionals program. Possibility for expenses to be paid to attend the Teaching and Mentoring Conference by the Southern Regional Board’s Compact for Faculty Development; and, the possibility for expenses to participate in
one of the semester-long activities sponsored by the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity.

The University Graduate School can support a total of 12 students across the two core campuses (IU and IUPUI) each academic year.

Eligibility for the President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship is limited to:

1. Doctoral candidates in PhD programs at Indiana University and, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Purdue PhD programs at IUPUI are not eligible.
2. Citizens, nationals, and permanent residents (holders of a Permanent Resident Card) of the U.S.A.
3. Individuals belonging to one or more of the following classes:
   a. Must be an underrepresented minority, URM, in their particular discipline. The term URM includes DOMESTIC African Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, or Pacific Islanders/Native Hawaiians.
   b. Person with disabilities. Under ADA, an individual is considered to have a disability if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of his or her major life activities and has a record of such impairment.
   c. A gender minority (< 30% of the current graduate population in the department).
   d. A first generation college student (a student whose legal custodian(s) did not complete a four-year college degree).
4. Individuals who have not received a dissertation fellowship.

Selection criteria will include the following:

1. Degree of promise of completing the PhD dissertation
2. Type and amount of funding received prior to the application of the President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship

Nomination process:

Students must be nominated by their department/school. In nominating the student, the department must submit a completed application verifying that the student has completed all requirements for their Ph.D. except for submission of the dissertation in their graduate program and has been admitted to candidacy. In nominating the student, the department also agrees to ensure that recipients do not accept other graduate awards or employment during the period of funding, and will submit a final report on behalf of the student.

A completed application, submitted as one PDF document via SharePoint, contains:

1. FROM DEPARTMENT
   a. President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship Nomination Form identifying one or more of the diversity classes of the award; and confirmation of successful defense of the dissertation proposal, including the month and year of defense stated clearly; and, types of funding student has received to date as a doctoral student.
b. Cover letter by Department chair. The letter should be no more than one page in length.
c. Letter of support from dissertation chair or doctoral advisor. The letter should be no more than two pages in length.

2. FROM STUDENT
a. Curriculum Vitae
b. Unofficial transcript
c. Work-plan/timetable for completion of the doctoral degree and, rationale why this fellowship year is needed.
d. Dissertation summary, not to exceed six pages, that includes:
   1) Objectives/Approach/Purpose
   2) Limitations of Study
   3) Significant Findings

IUPUI nominations: To submit the nomination, units will complete an online cover page, http://go.iu.edu/1SV0, for each applicant, and upload the appropriately-named PDF to the online cover page form no later than 5 p.m. (Eastern time) on Friday, April 20, 2018.

To assure review of the nomination the department/unit must use this file name format: Lastnameof nominee-Dept-PresDivDissertation.pdf.

Please note: If you do not upload the file as instructed, it will be deleted and you will be asked to resubmit.
Award Length

The President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship will begin no earlier than July 1; and, end no later than June 30.

Evaluation and Selection of Fellows

Applications from each campus (IUB and IUPUI) will be evaluated by fellowship committees on each campus. The committees will use the cover letter, letter of support, academic records, the proposed timetable, plan for completion of the doctoral degree, and student summary as the basis for determining the extent to which candidates meet the eligibility requirements and the selection criteria.

Conditions of the Fellowship

President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship awardees are expected to be engaged in a full-time program leading to a Ph.D. in an eligible field of study. Those who accept the President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship must agree to the stipulations in the Terms of Appointment that accompanies the award letter. The University Graduate School may request feedback on the efficacy of the award during the year.

Where are the nomination forms located?

Departments can download the Fellowship Nomination Form from the University Graduate School website found under the ‘Forms’ section.

How many fellowships will be awarded?

The University Graduate School will award twelve fellowships in 2018-2019 across the two core campuses (IUB and IUPUI).

Is a student eligible if they are a doctoral candidate in a degree other than the Ph.D.?

Yes, nominations are also open to Ph.D. candidates earning a dual degree (e.g. M.D./Ph.D., J.D./Ph.D., etc.) who are underrepresented (< 30%) or minority students in their IU degree program. Please see the 2015 President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship Guidelines and the application introduction for more information on the criteria used in determining eligibility.

What is the nomination deadline?

The application deadline is April 20, 2018 (5 p.m. Eastern Time) and must be submitted to the respective University Graduate School office on the applicant’s campus.
How would you like me to submit my official graduate transcript?
Scanned copies of the student’s unofficial IU transcript are allowable.

Will additional documents, such as letters of recommendation or appendices be accepted?
Please limit application to the documents that comprise the application. We will not be able to accept additional documents.

How will I be notified?
Recipients of the President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship will be notified directly by the University Graduate School via email and certified US mail. Those who are not awarded Fellowships will receive a letter from the University Graduate School.

I am not eligible this year due to the timing of my proposal defense. Could I be nominated next year?
Yes. The University Graduate School will offer the President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship in 2016 and beyond. We also plan to maintain an annual schedule of announcing in the fall with applications due in April.

Will the University Graduate School give feedback if my nomination is not chosen?
No. The University Graduate School will not comment on nominations after making award decisions. All applications and supporting materials become the property of the University Graduate School and, as such, will not be returned.

Must I be a US citizen to be considered?
No. U.S. Citizens, nationals, and permanent residents (holders of a Permanent Resident Card) of the U.S.A. are encouraged to apply.

Am I eligible to be nominated if I will receive funding from another source? Can I accept other awards?
No. You may not receive awards that carry stipends in addition to the President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship.

How are the fellowship funds paid?
President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship is disbursed equally between enrolled terms and disbursed directly into the recipient’s student’s financial/bursar account. Once the fellowship money is applied to the institutional costs (tuition, fee, et cetera), remaining funds (stipend, travel) are disbursed to the student.
Can the recipient work while using the President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship?

The President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship is meant to help cover the educational costs and modest living expenses a recipient incurs while completing his or her dissertation. With this in mind, Fellows may not hold outside employment.

Will the University Graduate School provide 1099 forms?

No. President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship will be paid to directly to the student and, therefore, 1099 forms are not needed. Ascertaining tax liability and reporting the applicable portion, if any, to the US Internal Revenue Service is the sole responsibility of the Fellow.

What if I cannot participate in the required mentoring and professional activities?

Mentoring and professional developmental activities are optional benefits to receiving the President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship.

Who is The University Graduate School contact, if I still have questions?

Please call Monica Henry at (317) 278-2071 or by email at mlhenry@iupui.edu on the Indianapolis campus.