

FELLOWSHIPS

Graduate Studies

Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis in recognition of a student's demonstrated scholarship, scholastic and creative promise, and/or financial need. There is no service or work requirement associated with fellowship awards. A student holding a fellowship or a traineeship must be a full-time student during the period of appointment.

See also: fellowships for current students (<http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/current/funding/fellowships>).

Eligibility

To be eligible for a fellowship a student must be admitted to a department or area with a specific graduate degree objective and enrolled in graduate academic coursework.

- Students enrolled in certificate-only programs with no degree objective are ineligible.
- International students must have completed one year of study at a US institution of higher education to be eligible.
- Employees of the University of Nebraska, other than graduate assistants, are ineligible.

Types of Fellowships

Tuition Fellowships remit tuition for the full or partial cost of graduate courses according to the specific fellowship guidelines for the term of the award. Recipients of tuition fellowships are responsible for university program and facilities fees unless specifically included in the award announcement. Recipients must be admitted to a graduate program with a specific graduate degree objective.

Full Support Fellowships from Graduate Studies (Presidential and Fling Fellowships) provide stipend payments for recipients of these awards. Fellowship recipients are required to be full-time students (at least 9 credit hours or full-time certification) during the period of appointment and may hold another major fellowship. They may not engage in remunerative employment, including a graduate assistantship or traineeship.

Partial Support Fellowships allow students to hold other fellowships and assistantships.

External Fellowships such as those from NSF-GRFP, AAUW, or the Smithsonian are not awarded by UNL but recipients should notify the Fellowship Specialist in Graduate Studies.

Continuation

Continuation of graduate fellowships may be denied to recipients under any of the following conditions:

- Failure to satisfy Scholastic Grade Requirements (<https://catalog.unl.edu/graduate-professional/graduate/registration/grades>).
- Violations of the Code of Conduct (<https://catalog.unl.edu/graduate-professional/graduate/general/conduct>).
- Failure in qualifying examinations, preliminary examinations, comprehensive examinations or failure to make satisfactory progress as defined by the graduate program.

Assistantship Impact

Fellowship awards cannot have any impact on the amount of a graduate assistantship stipend unless there is an accompanying decrease in the teaching or research assignment and the corresponding FTE.