



Robert W. Graham Endowed Graduate Fellowships - Guidelines

Goal:

The goal of Graham Endowment funding is to assist with recruiting outstanding students who are considering enrollment at Penn State. The funds are to attract the caliber of students who apply to several institutions, including Penn State, and may select another institution due to a more attractive financial package.

Deadline:

Colleges have until May 1 to utilize their allotted funding.

Description:

Graham Endowment funding will provide supplemental awards up to \$4,000 per year to incoming students who have been given assistantships, departmental fellowships, or external awards. Graham Endowment funding offers are typically for one year; however, colleges may extend two-year offers to outstanding students.

Eligibility Requirements:

Incoming, graduate degree-seeking, full-time students must be offered total funding support packages that meet or exceed the equivalent of a grade 12 half-time graduate assistantship.

The awards will be used for recruitment (first priority) or retention with consideration given to those graduate students who contribute to the diversity of the student body.

Graham awards may be utilized with other Graduate School funding allocations in accordance with University financial policy and college proposals that were pre-authorized by the director of the Graduate School's Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards Administration.

Processing Procedure:

Programs must work with their college graduate education leaders to select the most competitive incoming students. Each graduate education office will coordinate the Graham offers within the college. By May 1, colleges must provide the Graduate School with information about their Graham recipients (roster) for the incoming fall class via the web application based reporting tool GRATS. Awards will be entered into student accounts by the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards Administration. If colleges have uncommitted funds and/or do not report recipients by May 1, Graham allocations will revert to the Graduate School and may be reallocated.