Presidential Diversity Supplement Program

INITIAL NOMINATIONS DUE FEB 28 2020

The Graduate School is seeking nominations for the Presidential Diversity Supplement Program sponsored by the Graduate School and the President’s office. We are asking that you nominate incoming doctoral students (students you are trying to recruit) who will contribute to the diversity of your programs and who you will support with program funding; that is Presidential Diversity Supplement recipients are not those supported by the Graduate School as Diversity Scholars, but are those supported in full by scholarships (stipend, health insurance, tuition) from GTA lines, grants, departmental endowments or other program funding.

Students awarded a Presidential Diversity Supplement receive a professional development award of $1000 to be used by the student for professional development purposes; the supplement will be awarded in two $500 installments (one if Fall semester, one in Spring), and may be used for research needs, conference travel/registration, and so on. The supplement will be renewed annually for up to a total of two years if the student remains in good standing and is making progress towards the degree. The student may select which years in their program they wish to use the funds (i.e. could be 1st and 2nd year, or 1st and 4th year, etc.).

In addition to the supplement, students will be required to participate in the Graduate School’s successful “Check in and Connect” professional development seminar series, which provides students with cohort support and mentoring. Our intent is to help you recruit strong students by providing this additional financial incentive, and to help retain them by providing cohort support. Programs should nominate no more than two students, since our intent is to help as many programs as possible to recruit a more diverse cohort. Students should be alerted that they’ve been nominated for this award, since that is a sign that you really want the student to enroll at U of L. The Graduate Schools will provide a total of 10 supplements in the 2020/2021 academic year.

Nominations should include a brief letter (one paragraph is sufficient) indicating how the student will add to the diversity of your program and how the department plans on funding the student (through GTA, GRA, grant, etc.)

The form is open on our website, and will remain open until all awards are expended.

Benefits to students:

- $1000 supplemental stipend from the Graduate School for professional development purposes
- Membership in Check in and Connect, professional development seminar series
- Cohort support
- Full stipend and tuition provided by program/unit