McKnight Doctoral Fellowships  
Snapshot of Important Information for Graduate Program Directors

The Partnership and Award Package

- The McKnight Doctoral Fellowship is a partnership and agreement between UM and the Florida Educational Fund (FEF) to support McKnight fellows for five years.

- For three years, FEF provides $12,000 in stipend, and up to $5,000 in tuition and fees.
  - During the three-year period, stipends are supplemented by UM (school/college/department) to ensure that McKnight Fellowship awards are, at the minimum, on par with other doctoral fellowships in the department. The fellowship can be supplemented by assistantships and/or permissible special awards.
    - **Assistantships:** TA/RA assistantships provide training and opportunity for supplements. The FEF requests written notice of the weekly time commitment and assigned duties for assistantships. Notification can be submitted to the Graduate School.
    - **Special Awards:** In cases where supplemental merit based funds are secured, the special award should be made in addition to both the McKnight Fellowship and top off, and not reduce the top off amount. The Graduate School should be notified of special awards that are above the standard departmental doctoral financial support package.

- For the remaining two years, UM (school/college/department) assumes full responsibility for the stipend and tuition.

- For five years, FEF provides professional development workshops (research and dissertation writing, grant proposal development, annual research presentation and writing conference) and is a potential source for funding to support national conference attendance and student research projects.

Critical Dates and Application Process

- Students must apply and be officially accepted into a doctoral program by the University **before** they can be considered for the McKnight Fellowship. **Departmental decisions must be made on or prior to March 1, 2013.**


- March 1, 2013 – Deadline for notification of University admission decisions to FEF by University liaisons. Departmental decisions must be made on or prior to March 1, 2013.

- March 2013 – FEF selection committee will meet. Deans from all participating universities will review all student applications and select successful applicants.

- McKnight Fellowships are awarded to students entering their first semester of a doctoral program. Faculty are encouraged to inform exceptional students about this funding opportunity.

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