Purpose of Fund:

The purpose of this fund is to encourage and support students to seek and apply for extramural funding in the form of fellowships from federal or foundation (i.e., extramural) sources. The program is designed to provide a $5000 summer stipend to support students in applying for extramural fellowship support.

Who Is Eligible:

The Program is designed for students currently enrolled in a doctoral program at MU. Doctoral students in good standing are eligible to apply. This Program is designed for students seeking at least one year of support from an external source. This mechanism is not appropriate for students seeking financial support covering less than one academic year.

Application Process:

Applicants should submit a proposal (not to exceed two pages-single spaced), which should include (a) a description of the intended funding source (be specific) and target submission date of intended grant/fellowship), (b) the number of years of support provided and the amount of the award per year, (c) a summary of the proposed project/training plan that the source of funding will be used to support; including specific aims, and methods; and (d) a summary of the applicant’s research or scholarly activities to date. In addition to the pre-proposal, the applicants should submit his or her current CV and an e-mail from the applicant’s faculty mentor stating they are supportive of the application. Applications are due on March 18, 2016, and should be submitted to the Dean’s Assistant, Mary Wacker (mary.wacker@marquette.edu).

Selection of Awardees:

A 3-member committee made up of members from the UBGS and who have received external funding in the last five years, will be appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School to serve on the selection committee. Applications will be rated on their proposed aims/methods/training goals, quality of applicant credentials, and the general likelihood of being competitive for the award being sought. The Committee will rank the applications and submit their recommendations to the Dean of the Graduate School. A total of 4 awards will be made. Recipients will be announced on April 15, 2016.

Other Requirements:

Students who receive this award must provide to the Dean of the Graduate School, evidence of the submitted application (to the primary funding agency), by the due date proposed by the student. Failure to do so may make the student ineligible for future summer support from the Graduate School. Those receiving this award must also participate in consultation sessions with the Dean of the Graduate School and grant development staff in Office of Research and Sponsored Programs to help develop the grant proposal. Individuals who have already submitted a fellowship application in the 2015-16 are allowed to apply.