INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR 2005-2006

The following information regarding loans, assistantships, fellowships, and traineeships describes opportunities available at the UNMC. Consideration for the assistantships, etc. shall not be denied to any person because of age, sex, race, color, disability, national origin, or religious beliefs.

LOANS/SCHOLARSHIPS. A limited number of scholarships are available to UNMC graduate students. Graduate students may also apply for Federal Stafford Loans. The Federal Stafford Loan is a need-based loan which considers other available resources. Students who do not qualify for loans based on need may borrow from the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan (FUSL) which is an interest bearing loan at a variable interest rate up to 8.25%. Foreign students are not eligible for any of the above resources. For additional information, contact the Financial Aid Office, Student Life Center, UNMC, 984265 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE 68198-4265, phone: (402) 559-4199.

DEPARTMENTAL FELLOWSHIPS/ASSISTANTSHIPS/TRAINEE SHIPS. Inquiries should be directed to the department(s)/program(s) to which you have applied.

GRADUATE STUDIES ASSISTANTSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATE STUDIES ASSISTANTSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS: February 15, 2005

The following Assistantships/Fellowships are awarded through the Office of Graduate Studies. To be eligible, a student must be admitted to one of the graduate programs of the University of Nebraska Medical Center Campus with a degree objective. Although exceptions are possible, the Assistantships/Fellowships are intended for those pursuing the Ph.D. degree. Graduate Studies Assistantships/Fellowships may be awarded to Ph.D. students for no more than three years. When deemed appropriate, exceptions will be made by the Dean for Graduate Studies.

Graduate Studies Assistantships

For the past several years, graduate student research assistantships have been awarded by the Dean for Graduate Studies. In 2004-2005 these assistantships paid $20,000/year plus remission of up to 12 hours tuition per semester. These assistantships are awarded directly to graduate students on a competitive basis. The purpose of these assistantships is to aid those students who are well into their programs of study for the Ph.D. and effectively devoting full time to their dissertation research. Please see the "Application for Assistantship/Fellowship" form for specific instructions. These forms are available from the Graduate Studies Office or in electronic format at www.unmc.edu/Education/gradstudies (under Student Financial Support).

Graduate Studies Fellowships

Various fellowships are available annually to graduate students in graduate programs of the University of Nebraska Medical Center without restriction to field of study. Fellowship recipients are expected to devote full time to graduate study during the period of their appointment and may not engage in remunerative employment without the permission of the Graduate Dean. In 2004-2005 these fellowships were awarded at the level of $20,000/year. Please see the "Application for Assistantship/Fellowship" form for specific instructions. These forms are available from the Graduate Studies Office or in electronic format at www.unmc.edu/Education/gradstudies (under Student Financial Support).

One type of fellowship awarded through Graduate Studies has a special requirement. The Presidential Fellowships are awarded to students who have demonstrated high levels of scholastic and personal accomplishment and who expect to complete requirements for the Ph.D. degree within the next academic year. Anticipated date of graduation should be included in the application and should also be indicated in the Supervisory Committee Chair's letter of recommendation.

Students who currently hold Graduate Studies Assistantships/Fellowships, PLEASE NOTE:

A student who has been awarded an assistantship/fellowship through the Graduate Studies Office, if eligible under the above provisions, may have the assistantship/fellowship appointment renewed if the student has made satisfactory progress. To substantiate satisfactory progress, the following items must be submitted to the Graduate Studies Office by February 15, 2005 for renewal of the fellowship/assistantship for the next academic year:

a. A cover letter detailing the past year's accomplishments including grades for any courses completed since the last application, presentations, abstracts and publications, and include a list of extramural sources of stipend funding to which you have applied.

b. A progress report on the applicant's research project (no more than 3 double-spaced pages)

c. Submission of a letter from the Chairperson of the student's Supervisory Committee detailing the student's progress and anticipated time for completion of degree requirements.

An exception to the above pertains to students who in their first year of study, applied for and received an assistantship/fellowship through the Graduate Studies Office. Those students were notified in their award letter that they must complete a full application and re-compete for their second year of support.

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A limited number of fellowships will be awarded through the Office of Graduate Studies on a competitive academic basis. Those applicants who are recipients of fellowships without tuition and Nebraska residents are given preference. The Regents Tuition Fellowships are available to both masters and doctoral students. Applicants must possess and recipients must maintain a grade point average of B or better in graduate programs at UNMC. **These fellowships are awarded in August for the fall and spring semesters.** Recipients may not hold another fellowship or assistantship which pays for tuition; an individual may hold a Regents Tuition Fellowship in addition to a fellowship or assistantship which does not have specific allowance for payment of tuition. Fellowships cover tuition for only those courses approved by an individual's Graduate Committee or Supervisory Committee as part of the individual's program of study.

**FELLOWSHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN GRADUATE STUDIES**

The following fellowships (Maude Hammond Fling Fellowships and the Franklin E. and Orinda M. Johnson Fellowships), although awarded by the Graduate Fellowships Committee of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), are available to full-time graduate students of the University of Nebraska Medical Center. There is a requirement for 9 credit hours in residence after admission to a graduate program for persons applying for the Fling and Johnson fellowships. **Incomplete or improperly prepared applications will not be considered. University of Nebraska employees, other than graduate assistants, are ineligible for fellowship stipend support.**

**MAUDE HAMMOND FLING FELLOWSHIPS:** A limited number are awarded for the calendar year. Students may reapply. The award provides a stipend of $14,000 plus tuition, fees, and health insurance as provided by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Applicants must submit a personal letter of intent of not more than two double-spaced typewritten pages and a one-page curriculum vitae summarizing: (a) area of intellectual interest; (b) educational objectives; and (c) any other information that may assist in evaluating qualifications for awards, for example: conference presentations, publications and other scholarly activity. In addition, a completed UNL fellowship application form and 2 letters of support must be submitted. Please go to the UNL Graduate Studies Web page to obtain a fellowship application form. The URL is: [http://www.unl.edu/gradstud](http://www.unl.edu/gradstud). **Deadline date is February 13.**

**FRANKLIN E. AND ORINDA M. JOHNSON FELLOWSHIPS:** They are awarded for the academic year. Students may reapply. A recipient must have a Supervisory Committee established and have on file an approved Program of Studies for the Ph.D. degree. Application requires a completed UNL fellowship application form, 2 letters of recommendation, and a personal letter of intent of not more than two double-spaced typewritten pages and a one-page curriculum vitae summarizing: (a) area of intellectual interest; (b) educational objectives; and (c) any other information that may assist in evaluating qualifications for awards, for example: conference presentations, publications and other scholarly activity. Please go to the UNL Graduate Studies web page to obtain a fellowship application form. The URL is: [http://www.unl.edu/gradstud](http://www.unl.edu/gradstud). **Deadline date is February 13.**