UO Public Impact Graduate Fellowship

The University of Oregon Graduate School is pleased to announce the 2012-13 Public Impact Fellowship. This purpose of this award is to recognize and support the work of two doctoral students and one master’s student whose research has the potential to have a significant impact on society. Examples of relevant research include that which makes a contribution to improving economic opportunity and well-being, social justice, political participation, cultural engagement, and scientific and technical solutions to pressing social issues.

This fellowship will provide up to two doctoral-level recipients and one master’s-level recipient with a stipend of $6,000 for the 2012-13 academic year and the opportunity to participate in a research advocacy workshop for graduate students and new faculty. The award will be made in June 2012 with funding to commence in fall term, 2012.

**Doctoral Student Eligibility**

Recipients of this award will be doctoral students enrolled full-time in 2012-13 who will have advanced to candidacy by fall 2012 and who are in the process of conducting research that has substantial public value and will benefit local, national and/or global communities. To be eligible for this award, applicants must possess a strong academic record and be willing to participate and/or have their research featured in the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate School public and donor relations efforts.

**Master’s Student Eligibility**

The recipient of this award will be a master’s students enrolled full-time in 2012-13 who plans to graduate in spring/summer 2013 and who is in the process of conducting research that has substantial public value and will benefit local, national and/or global communities. To be eligible for this award, applicants must possess a strong academic record and be willing to participate and/or have their research featured in the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate School public and donor relations efforts.

**Application Process and Deadline**

Applicants must be nominated by their departments. A department may nominate no more than one master’s student and one doctoral student. The Applicant Information Form includes a space for an approval signature from the department (provided by the Graduate Program Director or the Head of the Department, depending on the department’s practice or preference).

A completed Applicant Information Form must be submitted by email, along with the following items which should be combined into a single PDF. The email should be sent to kmfisher@uoregon.edu with “Graduate School Administered Award” in the subject line, and received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2012.

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• A current curriculum vita (CV) or résumé.

• A statement by the applicant (not to exceed 1000 words) describing his/her research project, written for an audience of non-specialists in the field. The statement should summarize where the project is currently and plans for its completion, and should also describe the impact the research will have on local, national, and/or global communities.

• A brief student profile (not to exceed 150 words) that includes previous institutions and degrees, research interests, current projects, awards and honors, work experience and career objectives, and any other noteworthy outside interests or activities.

**Letter of Recommendation**

This award requires one letter of recommendation from the student’s faculty advisor addressing the public impact of the research and describing the student’s academic progress (with attention to the student’s intent to be advanced to candidacy by fall term in the case of the doctoral nominees and anticipated completion date in the case of master’s nominees). Letters of recommendation should be emailed directly to kmfisher@uoregon.edu and should include “Graduate School Administered Award” in the subject line. Letters must be received by the deadline stated above.

**Selection Process**

Initial review of applications will take into account each student’s ability to convey his/her research to an audience of non-specialists; the clarity of the direct impact of the research on a specific community as well as the potential regional, national, and global impact; the strength of the student’s academics. Attention will be paid to discipline to ensure broad representation of UO graduate programs each year.

Top candidates will be interviewed for 30 minutes by members of the selection committee during spring term.

**Contact**

Questions about this award or the application process can be addressed to Kassy Fisher, 541-346-2807 or kmfisher@uoregon.edu.

**Note for Graduate Students with Financial Aid**

Receiving this award may reduce your financial aid award. Please contact the Financial Aid Office prior to applying for this (and any other type of) support.