University Graduate Laurels Scholarships
Description and Application Procedure

DUE DATE: March 30, 2016
College of Education - Science and Mathematics Education
2016-2017

Description:
University Graduate Laurels Block Grant is comprised of tuition remission resources intended to provide full or partial scholarships toward the actual cost of graduate resident or nonresident tuition. Graduate Laurels Scholarships are not cash awards and may only be applied to scholarship recipient regular tuition charges (does not include summer courses). Graduate Laurels Scholarships are meant to assist a diverse population of highly qualified students who are self-funded and/or who have incomplete support packages. The following scholarships may be awarded to Ph.D. or Master’s students who meet the eligibility categories and state a willingness to work with underserved populations in their teaching, leadership, or research careers.

Scholarships:
Multiple partial year scholarships will be awarded.

Eligibility:
University Graduate Laurels Scholarship eligibility criteria are organized within two strategic categories: a) academic merit and b) diversity.

Academic merit and diversity may be established as follows:

1. Academic Merit -- Both international and domestic students may be eligible for consideration within this category and will be:
   a.) Regularly, conditionally, or provisionally admitted to a graduate degree program; and
   b.) Making satisfactory progress as a graduate degree-seeking student in the specified degree program; and c.) Able to demonstrate a high potential for success in the specified graduate degree program by: meeting minimum institutional and programmatic GPA of 3.00 or greater as required for graduate admission.

2. Diversity --Only domestic graduate degree-seeking students may be eligible for consideration under the diversity category. The following criteria will be used as the basis for evaluating recipient diversity. The individual is from cultural, linguistic, and/or socioeconomic background that is underrepresented in their graduate program as demonstrated by:
   a) previous participation in a TRIO Program (i.e., Educational Opportunity Center, Talent Search, Student Support Services, Upward Bound, McNair post-baccalaureate Achievement Program);
   b) previous participation in a College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)
   c) previous attendance at an Historically Black College or University (HBCU);
d) previous attendance at an Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI); e) previous attendance at a Tribal College;
e) primary language used at home is other than English;
f) documented financial need (based on FAFSA application – domestic students only) with consideration of low income status;
g) first generation to attend a college or university;
h) previous participation in a summer research experience for underserved undergraduates.
i) Exhibits a record of positive engagement with communities that are underrepresented in higher education; and/or Has interest in using the diversity of human experience as an education resource in teaching and research.

Application:
1) Submit a clear statement of purpose for graduate program that includes evidence of eligibility for scholarship;
2) Include any letters of recommendation received on your behalf documenting experience or commitment to Laurel's initiative.
3) Include information on graduate standards for satisfactory academic progress toward the specified degree program or provide information on provisional or admission status in College of Education Mathematics or Science Education Graduate program
4) include any record of scholarship in an academic field and/or profession (e.g., publications, presentations, research grants, honors and awards, etc.); and/or exhibiting a record of leadership through extensive community and civic engagement.

Send Applications to: Attn: Paula Dungjen, 201 Furman Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331 or email to paula.dungjen@oregonstate.edu

Requirements:
All University Graduate Laurels Scholarship recipients must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 credits each term of their scholarship award period. Audit registrations, course withdrawals, and enrollment in INTO-OSU courses may not be used to satisfy these enrollment requirements. In addition, tuition charges associated with INTO-OSU course enrollment may not be paid by a Laurels Scholarship.

Until further notice, the university allows E-Campus courses to satisfy the 12-credit enrollment requirement.

Students fully appointed as graduate teaching or research assistants and/or those receiving graduate tuition remission through other means (both internal and external to OSU) are not eligible for support under the University Graduate Laurels Scholarship Program.