GO-MAP Graduate Supplemental Awards and Graduate Tuition Awards (STAs)

GO-MAP has a limited number of STAs for prospective and current masters and doctoral students. Award amounts vary depending on nomination, student financial need, and funds available. Due to limited funds, it is difficult to allocate multiple awards to any one department. Please limit nominations to a maximum of four (4) per academic year and rank in order of preference.

In order for a graduate student to be considered for an STA, they must be nominated by the dean, chair, graduate program coordinator or graduate program advisor of their college/department. While there is no individual student application, students may submit a separate personal statement to supplement the departmental nomination. A statement may be especially useful if a department does not require a personal statement as part of their application. This can address factors that the department may not have information about, such as financial hardships, personal adversities, etc.

In addition to merit, STAs require a student to be eligible for need-based funds as determined by the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA). Students must have a current FAFSA on file that has been evaluated by the OSFA unless they are an undocumented student.

Departmental letters of nomination must address the following in detail:

- **MERIT:** What factors influenced your admission of this student? Where does this student rank among applicants/current students? If known, include competitive offers from other institutions or describe progress in the program.

- **DIVERSITY:** Provide general statistics on underrepresented students in your program and/or the discipline. How will/does this student add to the diversity of your program? What diverse perspectives will/do they bring to your program, by past experiences and achievements, by community involvement, or by scholarship?

- **FINANCIAL NEED:** Indicate the department’s current and future funding plan for the student. What departmental resources are/have been committed to the student? (If your department is not providing funding, please explain why.) Are there any unique circumstances that add to the student’s need, such as dependents, medical expenses, daycare costs, etc.?

Please note: Nominations will not be reviewed without detailed information addressing the three points listed above.

Departments must submit their requests by logging into the MyGradProgram > View Admin > GSFEI > Request an Award > GO-MAP Tuition Award. GO-MAP asks that nominations for the 2016-17 academic year are submitted by Friday, June 10th, 2016.

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