The Graduate School invites colleges to select outstanding students for the Graduate All-S.T.A.R. Fellowship for AY 16-17.

Approximately 4,000 UMD graduate students also serve as teaching, administrative, or research assistants. The Graduate All-S.T.A.R. Fellowships are intended to support and honor graduate students who are both outstanding scholars and outstanding graduate assistants. Graduate All-S.T.A.R. Fellows will be featured on the Graduate School website.

Stipend information

Each All-S.T.A.R. Fellowship will carry a stipend of $10,000, which cannot be used to offset or reduce the amount of any other assistantship or fellowship support provided to the student in AY 16-17.

These are supplemental, stipend-only awards that carry no tuition remission. Funds will be credited directly by the Graduate School to the student's account, split evenly over the fall and spring semesters.

Minimum Student Eligibility

Graduate students must be currently enrolled masters or doctoral students who hold at least a half-time graduate assistantship (RA, TA, or GA). They must have completed at least 3 semesters of graduate assistantship experience. To be selected as an All-S.T.A.R. Fellow, the candidate must demonstrate both outstanding scholarship and must have made a significant contribution or impact while serving as a teaching assistant, research assistant, or administrative assistant.

Because the All-S.T.A.R. Fellowships are fellowships intended to provide additional support to outstanding students/graduate assistants, the student selected must be returning as an enrolled student and must hold a graduate assistantship position in AY 16-17.

** Students interested in being nominated for the All-S.T.A.R. Fellowship must contact their department.

** Departments/Programs must consult with their college/school for more information about the selection process at the College level.

College Level Selection Process

Colleges/Schools will select their Graduate All-S.T.A.R. Fellow or Fellows from eligible students enrolled in that college/school. The student need not hold an assistantship in his or her college/school, and it is incumbent upon the college/school to verify the significant contributions made by the student as a graduate assistant. This process is to be determined at the college/school level.
There will be a total of 16 fellowships available. Awards are allotted to colleges/schools based on the number of enrolled students who also hold graduate assistantships:

ARHU, BSOS, CMNS, and ENGR will each select two Graduate All-S.T.A.R. Fellows; AGNR, ARCH, BMGT, EDUC, INFO, JOUR, PUAF, and SPHL, will each select one All-S.T.A.R. Fellow.

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College/Schools are making final selections and must forward All-S.T.A.R. Fellowship decisions to the Graduate School by the deadline. The Graduate School will prepare and send the award notification letter to Fellowship recipients.

**All-S.T.A.R. Fellowship Selection at the College Level**

Each college/school must notify the Graduate School of its award decision(s) by the deadline noted below.

The college must prepare the following information for each All-S.T.A.R. Fellow.

1) Fellowship Selection Process Letter: Colleges are to provide a letter to the Graduate School detailing the selection process used at the college level to determine the All-S.T.A.R. Fellow(s). (one-page maximum)

2) All-S.T.A.R. Fellow Information:
   - Name of the All-S.T.A.R. Fellow
   - UID
   - Photograph
   - Student’s program and student’s year in the program (as of AY 16-17)
   - Type of assistantship(s) (RA/TA/GA) with additional details, if necessary.

3) A statement written by the All-S.T.A.R. Fellow describing how his or her service as a Graduate Assistant has enhanced his or her graduate education experience (250 word maximum)

Colleges are to submit these materials to the Graduate School by sending an email to Robyn Kotzker, Assistant Director for Fellowships and Awards, at rkokzker@umd.edu.

**Deadline**

The deadline for colleges/schools to submit their AY 16-17 All-S.T.A.R Fellowship decisions and required information is **Wednesday, April 20, 2016**.

**Contact Information**

Please direct any questions to: Dr. Mark Leone, Acting Associate Dean (mleone@umd.edu); or Robyn Kotzker, Assistant Director for Fellowships and Awards (rkokzker@umd.edu, 301.405.0281)

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