

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
THE GOIZUETA FOUNDATION GRADUATE SCHOLARS FUND ASSISTANTSHIP
2017-2018

The Goizueta Foundation, founded by Roberto C. Goizueta (former Chairman and CEO of The Coca-Cola Company), established The Goizueta Foundation Graduate Scholars Fund to enhance the education and skills of graduate students committed to improving Latino education. The Center for Latino Achievement and Success in Education (CLASE), housed in UGA's College of Education, administers The Goizueta Foundation Graduate Scholar program and trains and supervises the outstanding graduate students from departments across UGA who are awarded the assistantships. Scholars are expected to contribute to the educational improvement of underrepresented groups in the U.S. after graduate school.

THE AWARD

This assistantship consists of a total stipend of approximately \$12,000, paid over ten months. In addition, students awarded these assistantships are eligible for a reduced tuition rate, paying only \$25 per semester plus student fees. The Goizueta Foundation Graduate Scholars work with CLASE 13 hours per week starting at the beginning of the academic year, to support Center research and outreach projects. GA activities can include but are not limited to: supporting the CLASE afterschool tutoring program and professional development activities, conducting literature reviews, data collection and analysis, and performing administrative tasks to support CLASE's research activities. In addition to their work activities, Awarded Graduate Assistants are expected to participate in a graduate level class led by CLASE faculty designed to offer them a structured forum for writing while familiarizing them with the theories and practices which are the foundations for our research to reduce the academic achievement gap for culturally and linguistically diverse students. Assistantships are awarded for one year, and may be renewed based on excellent performance and satisfactory progress towards degree.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible students are current or incoming graduate students (preference given to doctoral students) who have been admitted by the nomination deadline to the UGA Graduate School and a graduate program in any college at the University of Georgia and who have:

- An outstanding academic record
- Interest/expertise/experience in Latino education and/or potential and intent to contribute to Latino education in the United States during graduate school and afterwards.
- Proficiency in Spanish and/or Portuguese
- Citizenship, permanent residence, family in the U.S., or other strong indication of intent to remain in the U.S. following graduation
- Preference given to students whose graduate studies align with CLASE's strategic goals

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

New Applicants must submit electronically as a single .pdf, the following materials:

- A letter of interest describing how the applicant meets the eligibility and selection criteria (including Spanish proficiency, academic goals/department, and commitment to Latino education/outreach)
- A current resume/CV with contact information
- Two letters of recommendation with contact information.

Materials should be compiled in the order listed above and saved as a single Adobe Acrobat file, named with the last name of the applicant and “Goizueta” (for example, Martinez_Goizueta.pdf) and submitted electronically to: <http://grad.uga.edu/goizueta>. If necessary, reference letters may be submitted separately to CLASE via email to clase@uga.edu - with “Goizueta Graduate Assistantship Reference” and applicant’s name in the subject line.

Current Goizueta Foundation Graduate Scholars who are applying for an additional year of funding should provide directly to CLASE, 125 Aderhold Hall (by the same deadline as below):

- A letter from the Department Head or Graduate Coordinator indicating that the student is making satisfactory progress towards his/her degree;
- A letter from the candidate outlining accomplishments as a Graduate Scholar, expressing interest in and justifying the request for an additional year of funding.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Priority for these awards will go to students based on the following criteria:

- Interest in Latino education, culture, and related research.
- Strength of academic record.
- Strength of applications and references by department and professional references.
- Strong commitment to Latino education and potential for impact in the United States after completion of graduate school as top scholars and/or professionals.

NOMINATION DEADLINE AND TIMELINE

All nominations for new candidates should be submitted electronically to <http://grad.uga.edu/goizueta> by **5 pm on February 24, 2017**. Applications will be reviewed and select candidates will be interviewed (in person or by phone) in March/April. Students will be informed of a decision by mid-April, 2017. Please direct any questions regarding these assistantships to, Dr. Paula Mellom, Associate Director of CLASE, at pjmellom@uga.edu or 706-542-3415.