

Georgia Research Education Award Traineeship (GREAT) Fellows Program Work Flow

1. The Graduate School requests nominations from designated programs, based on high priority research/ scholarship areas at UGA. The programs will be identified annually by a team consisting of representatives from the Graduate School and the Office of the Vice President for Research. Nominations will be requested on or about Jan. 1 of each year.
2. Programs nominate applicants who
 - a. are new to doctoral training applicants
 - b. are deemed as being among the top 10% of applicants
 - c. have interests aligned with high priority research/ scholarship areas
 - d. have outstanding credentials.
3. Nomination package consists of
 - a. Complete Graduate School application
 - b. 500-word statement prepared by student, documenting interest in target discipline
 - c. 500-word statement from nominator, documenting nominee's fit for the GREAT fellowship
4. Selected individuals are supported by central resources for the first three years of training. Programs agree to provide support for an additional two years (total = five-year award).
5. The Graduate dean reviews nominations and selects GREAT Fellows, through a selection process that may include input both central administration and faculty reviewers. Through this process, up to 10 GREAT Fellows are selected per year. It is possible that multiple fellows will be selected from a single graduate program.
6. Programs use template letter to offer GREAT Assistantships to selected fellows (on or about Feb. 15, yearly)
 - a. \$27,000/ year fiscal year compensation for 1/3-time effort for five years, assuming satisfactory progress to degree and continued funding from the State of Georgia
 - b. Tuition waiver; \$25 matriculation fee
 - c. Enrollment and health insurance requirements per other assistantships
 - d. Professional development requirements (RCR/ "professionalism" training, individual development plan, mentor-mentee compact)
 - e. Assistantship assignment *must* be limited to the high priority area of research/ scholarship (no teaching or other duties for duration of support)
 - f. Required annual report of activities, products, progress to degree; prepared by the student and approved by his/ her program.
 - g. Students are hired through account number 1025GRXXX972; account name GREATXXX (where XXX = department code).

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8. Upon acceptance of offer, Provost transfers resources to Graduate School, which administers the GREAT assistantship per administration of its other assistantships.