Graduate All - S.T.A.R. Fellowship
(Scholarship / Teaching, Administration, Research)

The Graduate School has just announced a new fellowship for GAs – the All-STAR – for GAs who are excellent all-around scholars as well as teachers and/or graduate administrative or research assistants. These nominations come to ARHU only, and are not vetted beyond that level. ARHU will select 2 All STAR fellowship winners, and their names will be passed on to The Graduate School, which will then feature all of University’s new All STAR fellows on its webpage.

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 13-14. 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 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/graduate assistant in AY 13-14.

Graduate All-S.T.A.R. Fellows can be any GA/TA enrolled in ARHU. (The student need not hold an assistantship in ARHU, but it is incumbent upon the unit to verify the significant contributions made by the student as a graduate assistant.)

Selection Process:
Each unit will forward just 1 candidate to the ARHU Fellowships Committee for consideration. This candidate may be at either the Master’s or Doctoral level. Those units with multiple graduate programs must deliberate at the unit level in order to determine who will get the nomination (e.g. TDPS, School of Music, and SLLC will each forward only 1 nomination to ARHU). Please also describe your deliberation process when you submit your nomination.

The deadline to submit nominations to ARHU is March 15 for us to meet the Grad School’s notification deadline of April 5.
The department is responsible for forwarding the following to the ARHU fellowships committee at grad-fellowships-arhu@umd.edu:

1) name of All-S.T.A.R.
2) a photograph
3) a brief bio
4) a summary describing the students’ outstanding scholarship and significant contribution as a graduate assistant (1-page maximum)
5) a letter detailing the selection process used to determine the All-S.T.A.R. Fellow nomination (half-page maximum)
6) 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)

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