Purpose:

The purpose of the Jeffrey Lunsford Underrepresented Fellowship is to permit superior underrepresented graduate (African American, Latino, and Native Americans) to complete their degrees.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be a U.S. citizen and a member of an underrepresented group (must indicate underrepresented status on the Graduate School application).
2. Nominees must be admitted to Graduate School. Tentative, provisional and student-at-large are not eligible. Admission must be achieved no later then June 1.
3. Available to students in any masters or “sixth year” (Ed.S, M.F.A., Au.D., D.P.T. or Performer’s Certificate) program who are pursuing their first graduate degree, but not doctoral students
4. Recipients are expected to enroll full-time (9 hours per semester) during the fellowship year.

Application/Nomination Process

Department chairs, college deans, graduate directors or faculty members are invited to identify talented underrepresented candidates and complete the nomination form. Two letters of recommendation should be submitted indicating the demonstrated or potential scholarly excellence of the nominee. Curriculum vitae, publications, reports, portfolios, an indication of teaching effectiveness, or other evidence of scholarly/instructional activity can accompany the nomination.

Award Amount:

- $9,000 stipend for one year
- Partial tuition waiver of $357 per credit hour up to a maximum of 9 credit hours in the Fall and Spring semesters and up to 6 credit hours in the summer semester.

Application deadline: February 9, 2018

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