

# GRADUATE ALLIANCE FOR EDUCATION IN LOUISIANA (GAELA) DISSERTATION WRITING FELLOWSHIPS

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The Graduate Alliance for Education in Louisiana (GAELA) is pleased to announce the availability of four Dissertation Writing Fellowships for the 2005-06 academic year. Students who are in the final stages of completing their doctoral work in a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) discipline, and who meet the eligibility criteria below, are encouraged to apply. The fellowships are intended to allow doctoral degree candidates to concentrate on writing and defending their dissertation.

The fellowships are for one year and carry a \$18,000 stipend. They will be awarded on a competitive basis. To be considered for one of the fellowships, please submit a curriculum vitae, a copy of an approved dissertation research prospectus and proof of admission to candidacy, a letter of recommendation from the dissertation advisor, and a statement of your expected defense date and career plans after graduation.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The candidate must meet all of the following requirements to be considered for a GAELA Research Fellowship award.

- A U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
- Belong to one of the following racial/ethnic groups: Black (not Hispanic), Hispanic, Native American, Alaskan Native, or Pacific Islander.
- Enrolled in a Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral degree program in a STEM discipline.
- Admission to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree and a commitment to complete the dissertation during the fellowship award year.
- This award takes precedence over recipient's other employment obligations during their tenure as a Dissertation Writing Fellow.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

It is the applicant's responsibility to provide all required information, including letters of recommendation, at the time of application. *Application packages that are not complete will not be considered.* The letter of recommendation should be enclosed in a sealed envelope and signed by the recommender.

Each application packet should include the following items:

- Copy of the approved dissertation research prospectus.
- A curriculum vitae detailing all professional activities
- A brief description of the applicants career goals
- A letter of recommendation from the applicant's dissertation advisor

Send completed application to:

**Eric Roque**  
**Senior Program Coordinator**  
**Graduate Alliance for Education in Louisiana**  
**Tulane University**  
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**New Orleans, LA 70118**  
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RESEARCH DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS**

**APPLICANT DATA FORM**

*Please type or print legibly*

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Male      Marital Status: \_\_\_ Single \_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Divorced

Ethnic Group: \_\_\_ African American (Black) \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_      Birth Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_      Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No      Permanent Resident: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Research Proposal Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title / Department of Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Dissertation: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_      Expected Degree Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifying Exams Completed (y/n)? \_\_\_      Inclusive Dates for Support of this Fellowship: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Months (12 – 24 Mo.): \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

List in order of importance to you, the research projects in which you have participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

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List honors and distinctions received for achievements in the sciences. Briefly state the criteria for the selection. Use additional sheets if necessary.

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List your extracurricular college activities (sports, student government, student publications, community service, hospital volunteer, etc.) over the last three years. Include offices held and/or awards received. Use additional sheets if necessary.

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List your science-related employment over the past three years citing employer and position. Include teaching and research assistantships, summer jobs, internships, co-op and training positions.

<b>NAME OF EMPLOYER</b>	<b>POSITION HELD</b>	<b>DATE</b>
_____	_____	_____
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Please provide us with the information of the graduate advisor that is writing your letter of recommendation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

**APPLICANT:** Complete this section only. Type or legibly print all information requested. Give this form and a self-addressed envelope to the faculty member you have asked to recommend you. The recommender should return the completed form to you in a sealed envelope for inclusion with the other application materials.

**APPLICANT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIVERSITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MAJOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DEPARTMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

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To the recommender:

Please provide us with a letter that addresses the applicant's creativity, research skills, and ability to interact in a cross-disciplinary research laboratory environment. Furthermore, please describe the stage of the applicant's doctoral research work and the expected receiving date of the doctoral degree.