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# Bunton-Waller Graduate Awards Program Information for IGDPs

Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards Administration; 209 Kern Building, University Park, PA 16802; 814-865-2514; 814-863-1091 (fax) U.Ed.GRD08-13

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**Eligibility:** Consideration shall be given to prospective graduate students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and who will contribute to the diversity of the graduate student body.

## Award Types:

1. *One-Year Awards* (for one year programs only)—One semester of assistantship (tuition and stipend) from the Graduate School and one semester of support at an equal or higher level from the program/department. Currently, graduate assistants receive stipends of \$7,315.50 (½ time, grade 11) for the one semester of support from the Graduate School.
2. *Two-Year Awards*—First year of support from the Graduate School includes tuition and stipend, \$14,625 (½ time, grade 11), for the fall and spring semesters. If registration for the summer is required, tuition (up to 9 credits) can be paid through the Summer Tuition Assistance Program. Students must complete their program's Summer Tuition Assistance application form. The program/department must guarantee second year support at an equal or higher level providing the student makes satisfactory academic progress.
3. *Doctoral Student Awards*—This program is designed to recruit doctoral students by offering them a multi-year package. *Note: If a student decides to pursue his/her doctorate after receiving funding through this program for the master's degree, he/she is not eligible for the doctoral student program.* The first year of enrollment and first year post-comps are supported by the Graduate School and include an assistantship for the fall and spring semesters plus a scholarship for the following summer session. The stipend for the fall and spring period will be at the Grade 12 level (currently \$15,705). The summer scholarship will be \$2,500 and deposited into the students' Penn State accounts in June. *Students must enroll for the summer session to receive the summer grant. Students will need to apply through their program for the Summer Tuition Assistance Program to pay their summer tuition.* The program/department must guarantee intermediate years support (for at least two years) at an equal or higher level, provided the student makes satisfactory academic progress. The post-comprehensive exam year of funding is intended to provide the student with time to focus on his/her dissertation research and **will be provided when the student passes the comprehensive exams and is enrolled for subject 601.**

## Application Procedure:

1. The academic program nominates a student by completing the nomination form and attaching the documents listed on the nomination form to create the nomination packet. The program submits the packet to the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards Administration, 209 Kern Building.
2. After verifying eligibility, the nomination packet will be forwarded to Graduate School's Office of Graduate Educational Equity Programs, 111 Kern Building for review.
3. After review, the Office of Graduate Educational Equity Programs will forward the nomination packet to the Graduate School's senior associate dean, 114 Kern for review and approval.
4. After review, the senior associate dean will forward the nomination packet to the Office of Fellowships and Awards Administration, 209 Kern Building. The Office of Fellowships and Awards Administration will notify the academic program of the outcome of the review process.
5. The academic program sends out the award offer to student clarifying the condition of the award and requirements for satisfactory progress and forwards a copy to the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards Administration.

# Bunton-Waller Graduate Awards-Nomination Form and Checklist

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Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Program/Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Sought \_\_\_\_\_

Only **one** copy of the application is necessary.

**Please check for which program you are nominating the student and that the application is complete.**

\_\_\_ One-year program—The department agrees to share financial support for this year.

\_\_\_ Two-year program—The department agrees to commit comparable financial support for the following year if the student is making satisfactory academic progress.

\_\_\_ Doctoral student program—The department agrees to commit comparable financial support for the intermediate years if the student is making satisfactory academic progress.

\_\_\_ The application is complete and includes the following:

\_\_\_ copy of admission application      \_\_\_ two letters of recommendation  
\_\_\_ copies of transcript(s)      \_\_\_ statement of career goals  
\_\_\_ GRE or other test scores

It is the department's responsibility to notify the student of departmental requirements for satisfactory academic progress and/or academic standards for holding a graduate assistantship.

Person in charge of graduate program	Signature	Typed Name	Program	
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Sr. Director, Office of Grad. Educational Equity	Signature	Typed Name	Date	E-mail
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Sr. Associate Dean of Graduate School	Signature	Typed Name	Date	E-mail

To be considered for a Bunton-Waller Graduate Award, this application and support documents should be received as soon as possible.

