



Experimental Program to
Stimulate Competitive Research

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS Graduate Student Research Assistantship (GSRA) Program

Issued: October 30, 2013
Review of Applications begin February 7, 2014
Application Deadline: Noon, March 7, 2014

Limited Funding Available: Early Applications Encouraged

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Purpose:

This program helps increase opportunities for students from the North Dakota University System baccalaureate universities and ND tribal colleges to pursue graduate degrees at North Dakota's two research universities in the areas of science, engineering and mathematics.

Eligibility:

Application can be made to enter a master's or doctoral graduate program at NDSU or UND. Applicants will have graduated with a bachelor's degree on or before June 15, 2014 from Dickinson, Mayville, Minot, or Valley City State Universities or a graduate of a tribal college that holds membership in the ND Association of Tribal Colleges, or has been a participant in ND EPSCoR's Nurturing American Tribal Undergraduate Research and Education (NATURE) program.

Program Description:

The ND EPSCoR monthly stipend is \$1,620/month for up to a 24-month period. The award may be augmented by the Department up to the annual level agreed upon with the Graduate School by a 1/4-time GRA or 1/4-time GTA for one semester per year. Use of the assistantship through the summer is expected. A UND awardee is expected to be enrolled in six credit hours.

ND EPSCoR provides the host department up to \$2,000 to help offset costs of an awardee's research activities, including conference travel and journal publication.-Participation in this program does not affect eligibility for the ND EPSCoR Doctoral Dissertation Award program. The thesis or dissertation advisor is required to submit a proposal to the National Science Foundation during the term of the GSRA award.

The application is normally evaluated by the Graduate Dean, the host department, the campus ND EPSCoR Co-Project Director.

Application Requirements:

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT Instructions:

1. Submit *directly to Graduate school(s) of the host institution(s)*:
 - a. Requisite GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION materials.
 - b. Sign and mail a LETTER addressed to the campus graduate dean (*No later than March 7, 2014*) stating:
 - 1) You are applying for a ND EPSCoR GSRA award;
 - 2) List the department in which you want to enroll and the faculty advisor;
 - 3) Include your contact information: mailing address, telephone number, and email address;
 - 4) State what institution you are graduating from, the year and date; and your major

2. Send COPIES of the above signed LETTER to:
 - a. The Department Chair of the institution in which you want to enroll, AND
 - b. The corresponding ND EPSCoR office(s) of the university to which you are applying AND, IF APPLICABLE, documentation of *tribal enrolled membership*.

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HOST DEPARTMENT Instructions:

Submit a letter of nomination to your campus ND EPSCoR office as soon as your department has accepted the student and no later than *April 11, 2014*. The nomination letter, signed by the department chair and/or department graduate director, should address: 1) the student's qualifications; 2) an abbreviated, projected program of study; 3) a timeline for degree completion; and 4) provisions, if any, for student tuition grant assistance or waivers. The ND EPSCoR GSRA award does not include waivers or other tuition assistance.

HOST GRADUATE SCHOOL Instructions:

Submit to your campus ND EPSCoR office *no later than April 17, 2014*, a copy of the letter of notification that the student has been accepted into the graduate program.

Award Announcements and Additional Information:

Application can be made to enter either a master's or doctoral graduate program.

Award announcements for the 2014-2015 academic year will be made by April 25, 2014. Funds are expected to be available after August 16, 2014. Awards are contingent upon continued funding from the National Science Foundation and the State of North Dakota.

NDSU: Please direct questions to Sheri Anderson, Interim, Co-Project Director, at 701.231.7516 or sheri.anderson@ndsu.edu

UND: Please direct questions to Mark Hoffmann, Co-Project Director, at 701.777.2511 or mark.hoffmann@email.und.edu