Penley Fellowships

Thanks to generous support from Connally and Charles Penley, the Graduate Education Working Group (GEWG) is now soliciting nominations for Penley Fellowship. We anticipate making two awards of $10,000 each for the period January-December, 2015.

Eligibility. Graduate students pursuing a terminal degree in any College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) unit are eligible. Recipients must be in the second year or beyond of their studies while receiving the award. Penley Fellowships are available to graduate students in any CAS unit. The proposed project must be a student’s dissertation research or final Masters project or thesis. Each CAS unit may forward only a single nomination in each award cycle.

Purpose. The purpose of the Penley Fellowship is to provide a graduate student with twelve months of support to pursue a research project or creative endeavor of exceptional promise. In some cases the project might not be possible without this support. In other cases, support will make possible a year of concentrated effort that allows substantial progress toward completing the project. Typically, funds will be transferred to the student’s unit to support the proposed project. For example, fellowship funds may be applied by the student’s unit in any of these ways: (a) reducing the student’s teaching load from .50 to .25 FTE for the award year, (b) summer stipend support, (c) purchase of equipment or technical services needed to complete the project, and (d) travel, lodging, and expenses to collect data, examine rare collections, or conduct field work. Other types of support will be considered, provided applicants demonstrate a need directly related to the proposed project.

Selection Criteria. Two selection criteria will be considered:  (a) merit and potential contribution of the student’s project, and (b) the essential role of fellowship support in advancing or completing the project. CAS graduate program directors and former directors currently serving on the Graduate Education Working Group will make recommendations for nominations to Dean Lee for final selection.

Application Procedure. Students should submit the following as digital .pdf files to their unit’s department Head with sufficient lead time for the Head to forward a single nomination from the unit to Associate Dean Mallinckrodt, **by 5:00 p.m. November 10, 2014.**  (In subsequent cycles applications will be due April 1; please see Award Cycle Note.)

(a) Cover page with required signatures, including Department Head approval of budget.

(b) Description of the significance and potential contribution of the project, in terms understandable to persons outside the discipline (limit 500 words).

(c) Project plan and budget justification. Narrative statement of work completed so far, any previous financial support for this project, activities proposed for the award year, and how the proposed budget will advance the project (limit 500 words). Include itemized budget, with explanation/justification for each item (limit one page in addition to 500 word narrative).

(d) Student c.v.

(e) A letter of support for the proposed project from the student’s faculty advisor or chair.

Notification. Students selected for fellowships will be notified of the awards in December 2014.

Reporting requirement. At the conclusion of the award year, recipients of a Penley Fellowship will be asked to complete a final project report of 500-1000 words submitted to Associate Dean Mallinckrodt that will be furnished to the Penley family.

Award cycle note. Only for the first award cycle is the deadline November 10, and the award year January-December, 2015. For the second and subsequent cycles, nominations will be due on April 1, and the award year will be August 1 thorough July 31. Thus, the second application deadline will be April 1, 2015. Once again, students must be in their second year or beyond when they receive the award, but in the second and all subsequent award cycles they can be nominated in their first year.

Penley Fellowship Application Cover Sheet

Instructions: Please complete this form, obtain required signatures, scan as a .pdf and submit with your application by your unit’s deadline. **Please check with your unit Head regarding the deadline.** Unit nominations are due to Associate Dean Mallinckrodt, by 5:00 p.m. November 10, 2014.

Applicant name:

Email:

Telephone contact:

Academic Unit:

Project title:

(limit to 120 characters and spaces)

Project faculty advisor or chair:

Faculty email:

Faculty telephone contact:

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:

Your signature below indicates that you have reviewed the proposal and approved the budget as prepared by the applicant. Proposed budget should not exceed $10,000, and must be spent during the award year.

Advisor/chair signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:

Unit Head’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: