

COLLEGE OF GEOSCIENCES

2013-2014

SCHOLARSHIPS

The College will have three categories of scholarships to award for 2013 graduate student admissions: Lechner Scholarships; Office of Graduate Studies Scholarships; and Diversity Scholarships.

Lechner Scholarships

The Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) has established the Lechner Graduate Grant Program as a way of supporting graduate students attending Texas A&M University. The College of Geosciences has received \$30,000. The funds must be used for funding fall 2013 incoming graduate students. Colleges may use the Lechner Graduate Grant funds at their discretion for these students, but the **funds must be used entirely for graduate students with no overhead/administrative costs**. Further, the student receiving these awards must be designated a Lechner Scholar. **Special consideration should be given to Texas A&M's commitment to increasing our diverse graduate student population**. The funds can be used to assist in student matriculation to Texas A&M by supporting travel, a commitment bonus, fees, stipends, books, scholarships, etc. If you have questions regarding the use of Lechner funds, please contact Rachelle Dudley at r-dudley@tamu.edu.

We suggest disbursing this money equally to the five graduate programs under College supervision (ATMO, GEOG, GEPL, OCNB, WMHS) at \$6000 each to use flexibly as needed to recruit the best (and most diverse candidates) possible.

Office of Graduate Studies Scholarships

The Office of Graduate Studies program for Top-Off begun in FY 12 will continue with the same students for the final year of FY14. They are: Darcie Ryan; Heather Zimmerle; Jonathan Fry; Lauren Holder; van Plantinga; Yi Hoonchong; Chen Liang; Jackie Ziegler; Jill Matus; David Solomon; and Ahmed Fiaz ((\$5000 per year).

We are not aware of any additional monies from OGS.

Diversity Scholarships

We have also been granted one-time funds from the Office of the Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity to support all aspects of the College efforts to diversify students, faculty and staff. We are directing an additional \$7000 per graduate program (the four primary departments and WMHS) to aid efforts to recruit and retain graduate students who are female and/or from under-represented minorities. The funds can be used in any flexible and appropriate use that supports these goals.

REPORTING

Please provide a list of students you are awarding scholarships by 1 May 2013 including this information:

- Student Name
- Degree
- Type of Scholarship (Lechner, OGS Top Off Continuing, Diversity)
- Amount of Scholarship
- Rationale for Scholarship Award (details on qualifications)
- Process of Awarding Scholarship (this should be a general discussion of the process followed to award the scholarships using guidelines found in *Scholarship Resource Guide and Best Practices* available at https://scholarships.tamu.edu/cd_staff.aspx)