MEMORANDUM

TO: Academic Deans and Department Chairs

FROM: Nancy Marcus
Dean of The Graduate School

DATE: October 4, 2010

SUBJECT: Wilson-Auzenne Graduate Assistantship Award for Minorities – Award Year 2011-2012

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the Wilson-Auzenne Graduate Assistantship Award for Minorities for 2011-2012. The Leslie N. Wilson-Delores Auzenne Assistantship is available for minority students pursuing a graduate degree program full-time (enrolled for a minimum of nine hours (9) per semester). Nomination is through the department or college but competition for these awards is on a university-wide basis.

Awardees for 2011-2012 will be expected to participate in a professional development program organized by the Graduate School. The goal is to facilitate networking and professional development for recipients of this assistantship.

Enclosed you will find the Wilson-Auzenne Assistantship application, departmental criteria and procedures, and departmental checklist. Each folder must contain all of the following required documentation to be considered: departmental checklist, departmental nomination letter, application form, three letters of recommendations (2 letters for currently enrolled graduate students), transcript(s), GRE/MAT/GMAT/LSAT scores, and statement of goals/purpose. If more than one application is submitted by the department, the applications should be ranked and attached be the procedure used by the department in the ranking of the applications.

Minimum requirements:

1. New graduate students – Minimum of 3.0 upper division and graduate GPA if applying with a master’s degree from another institution and meet the minimum University standard for the GRE and/or MAT, or other standardized tests e.g. GMAT.

2. Current FSU graduate students – Minimum of 3.0 or higher GPA

The stipend for the academic year 2011-2012 will be $5,000 for a quarter-time assistantship, plus tuition waiver. Deans and department chairs may, and are encouraged to, supplement the awards if department funds are available. Awards will be suspended if the awardee ceases to be a regular full-time student or fails to maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

Nomination(s) for these awards must be initiated by the department or school/college, endorsed by the dean or chair, and submitted to the Graduate School at 408 Westcott. Student deadline to departments is February 1, 2011. Folders for all nominees are due in the Graduate School by February 15, 2011. Folders received after that date will not be considered by the Wilson-Auzenne Committee. Selection will be made by a faculty committee, and announcements of awards will be sent to departments in March.

If you need more information concerning this award program please contact Becky Culp at 644-3501, or by e-mail at bculp@admin.fsu.edu.

Enclosures