FSU
GRADUATE SCHOOL

LEGACY FELLOWSHIP
APPLICATION GUIDELINES
2027-2028

1. **Number/Type of Awards:** To be determined
2. **Eligibility:** For any newly-admitted FSU Doctoral or MFA student. Please see the list of eligible MFA major names below. If an applicant is accepted in a major that requires a master's degree prior to entrance to a doctoral program, the student must complete the master's degree prior to applying to this fellowship. NOTE: Newly admitted for purposes of this fellowship application shall mean entrance in the upcoming Fall or Summer semesters. An applicant will only be considered eligible if they enter in the Summer semester if that is when the program begins a cohort. If students start in the next Summer, funding will not commence until the next Fall.
3. **Tenure/Terms of Award: 9 months** (no summer funding), guaranteed for up to **five** consecutive academic years for doctoral students and for up to **three** consecutive academic years for eligible MFA students. No reapplication is necessary, but the student must remain in good academic standing (3.3 GPA per semester), **remain** in funded employment standing in 0.5 FTE GA assistantship, and register for a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester. Fellows must participate in the Fellows Society each year and are expected to interact across disciplines whenever given the opportunity.
   NOTES: 1) Minimum credit-hour exceptions apply to select departments and other special circumstances with departmental and/or college and the Graduate School (Dean) approval. **2)** The Graduate School will not provide support to a Fellow beyond the semester in which they have met all of the requirements of graduation even if they have time remaining in their fellowship period.
4. **Award Amount: $10,000** fellowship per year (funded by the Graduate School) as a supplementation to a 0.5 FTE GA assistantship provided by the Fellow's College/Department.
5. **College/Departmental Commitment:** College/Department must **commit to guaranteed funding for a 0.5 FTE assistantship, stipend, and waivers at award levels determined by the college/department for all years of the fellowship.** ***An active and funded 0.5 FTE GA appointment is required to receive fellowship funding each term.**
6. **Employment:** Fellows will receive a 0.5 FTE departmental assistantship that may require them to assist in research, teaching, and/or professional duties.
7. **Tuition Waivers:** In-state & applicable out-of-state waivers will be covered by the College/Department.
8. **Health Insurance:** The fellow will receive the health insurance subsidy in accordance with their FTE.
9. **Fellowships are awarded by the Graduate School for study in a specific department based upon nominations received from departments and are non-transferable.**
10. **International Students:** Applicants must have a minimum score of 80 on the TOEFL exam, and a minimum score of 26 on the Speaking portion of the TOEFL if the duty appointment will be a teaching assistantship at the time of application to be eligible for the fellowship.
11. **Other Fellowships:** This fellowship **cannot** be held with any other Graduate School fellowship. External fellowships will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and it is the student's responsibility to notify the Graduate School **before** accepting any offer. Acceptance of additional awards will not extend or pause Legacy funding. NSF GRFP may be held in conjunction with this fellowship; however, fellows can only receive Legacy funding during NSF GRFP reserve years.
12. **Fellows Society:** Recipients must participate in the Fellows Society including serving on a committee.

NOTES: 1) All Graduate School Fellowships are subject to the availability of funding each year 2) This fellowship only covers graduate fundable courses and degree programs held on campus conducted at the Tallahassee, FL or Panama City, FL campuses

***Only Fine Arts academic plans associated with one of the following major names below are eligible for this fellowship.*

College	Major Name
MU	Music Theatre - Music
FA	Studio Art
FA	Graphic Design
FA	Arts Administration - Art
FA	Interior Design
FA	Interior Design/MFA
FA	Dance
FA	Costume Design
FA	Acting
FA	Directing
FA	Lighting Design
FA	Scenic Design
FA	Technical Production
FA	Theatre Management

Application Submission Instructions for Departments

INTERNAL FSU PROCESS:

1. Students should contact their College/Department if interested in applying for the Legacy Fellowship.
2. For Departments – Please visit our Faculty and Staff website for more information regarding the application process. (FSU log-in information is required.)