Greetings from GAPSA Research!

Below you will find information about the GAPSA-Provost Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Innovation for Summer 2017.

**Purpose of the Fellowship**
The GAPSA-Provost Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Innovation is a program jointly funded by GAPSA and the Office of the Provost for the expressed purpose of fostering an interdisciplinary graduate and professional environment at the University of Pennsylvania. This highly competitive fellowship strives to promote original, student-derived initiatives that integrate knowledge across diverse academic disciplines. The fellowship is also meant to help the project leader(s) develop, pursue and complete their proposed interdisciplinary initiatives. Fellows are to complete their proposed research projects over the summer with an end product due in September following the fellowship term.

**Terms of the Fellowship**
- Six fellowships with a stipend of $6,000 will be awarded each year. This fellowship is funded in equal portion by GAPSA and the Office of the Provost.
- Stipends are awarded per commissioned project. If a commissioned project has two project leaders, that project will still only receive $6,000.
- Stipends will be awarded in three $2,000 increments, once per month, from June – August, available on the last business day of the month.
- Proposed projects may have no more than two project leaders, who must be graduate students at the University of Pennsylvania continuing their studies in the semester following the fellowship.
- There is no limit to the number or affiliation of persons collaborating with and/or contributing to the completion of the proposed projects.
- There must be at least one mentoring faculty member who is willing to monitor the progress of the proposed project over the period of the fellowship.
- Following the summer project, all awardees are required to participate in a poster session and reception during the first week of the semester.

**Application Process**
Project leader(s) must submit a complete application containing, among other things, a grant proposal for a summer research project. Grants will be reviewed by a selection committee made up of University of Pennsylvania graduate students and faculty. Project leaders must be in good academic standing. Information on the University of Pennsylvania’s definition of good academic standing can be found at https://provost.upenn.edu.
Application Requirements by Section

1. Cover Page:
   a. Project Title
   b. Project Leader(s) Contact Information
      i. Name
      ii. Address
      iii. Phone
      iv. Email
   c. Project Leader(s) Graduate Program Information
      i. Name
      ii. School at the University of Pennsylvania
      iii. Department/Program
      iv. Degree
      v. Year in the Program
   d. Names and titles of faculty member(s) providing letter(s) of recommendation
   e. Names and contact information of the mentoring faculty member(s)
   f. Names and contact information of the department business administrator(s)
   g. Signatures of the mentoring faculty member(s) and business administrator(s)

2. Abstract
   a. Project Title
   b. Project Abstract (250 word limit)
   c. List of academic disciplines that will be integrated in the project

3. Project Proposal (12 page limit, not including references)
   a. Significance
   b. Background and/or literature review
   c. Specific goals/aims of the project
   d. Methodology
   e. Description of the innovation involved with the proposed project, with an explicit
discussion of the expected impact of the project
   f. End product description including work plan and time to completion (see description of
acceptable end projects below under “Requirements of the Selected Fellows”)
   g. Description of how the stipend will be used (may include an itemized budget as an
appendix)
   h. Description of team/collaborators (may include a discussion of course work, work
experiences, skills, access to resources, etc., that will facilitate the completion of the
project)
   i. Future directions
   j. References

4. Biographical sketch for each project leader
   a. This may be a curriculum vitae or resume, but should include:
      i. Educational training (i.e. institution, year, degree, field);
      ii. List of positions and honors;
      iii. Published works; and
      iv. Research support awards

5. One letter of recommendation from a mentoring faculty member at the University of
Pennsylvania who is willing to monitor the progress of the proposed project over the period of
the fellowship.

All applications should be submitted in 12-point font, Times New Roman, with 1” margins.
The document may be single or double spaced, so long as it is within the 12-page length limit.
Items 1-4 should be combined in a single PDF file and sent as an attachment to gapsaprovost.fellow@gmail.com.

Item 5 should be emailed as a PDF to gapsa.provost.fellow@gmail.com directly from either the faculty member or the faculty member's administrator.

**Deadline: April 14, 2017 at 11:59 pm** for application materials and April 21, 2017 for recommendation letters.

Please send any questions to the GAPSA-Provost Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Innovation committee at gapsa.provost.fellow@gmail.com

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**Requirements of the Selected Fellows**

**Monthly Updates:** Fellows are expected to communicate their progress with their mentoring faculty member at the end of each month. Fellows are also required to provide the GAPSA Chair for Research Students with a summary of their monthly accomplishments. Fellows must indicate the status of each goal/aim specified in their application. The report must include an update on the work plan from the proposal and details on what activities have been completed toward reaching the end product. These reports are due on the last day of each month: June, July, and August.

**Research Report:** Fellows will submit a report at the end of their fellowship documenting (1) their findings or end product, (2) hurdles encountered during their fellowship, and (3) unique skills or knowledge gained through working in an interdisciplinary fashion. The research report is due by September 15th, 2017.

**End Product:** Fellows must produce an end product for their commissioned product. End products may vary widely depending on the focus and nature of the project. Examples include the following: an academic paper (publishable or presentable), a business plan or strategy for a profit or non-profit enterprise, a policy idea or proposal for local, state, or federal government (referenda, bills, etc.), a piece of artwork, or a website. End products are due by September 15th, 2017.

**Academic Poster:** Following the completion of the fellowship, fellows are required to create a conference-quality poster that will be displayed at the Graduate Student Center for the Fall 2017 semester. The poster dimensions should be 5’-6’ by 3’ (or vice versa). Posters can be printed through the Weigle Information Commons in the Van Pelt Library. Fellows are responsible for fees associated with poster printing. Early in the fall semester, a reception will be held for the fellows in their honor. Posters need to be delivered to the Graduate Student Center at least 14 days prior to the reception. The GAPSA Chair for Research Students will let the fellows know the date of the reception.

**Poster Session:** Fellows are required to attend the poster session and reception. They will have 5 minutes to deliver a talk about their summer accomplishments before an audience (including the Provost of the University of Pennsylvania). After the presentation, fellows will have an opportunity to stand near their posters to answer individual questions. Fellows are welcome to invite faculty, colleagues and friends to the reception. All guests and attendees should register through the Graduate Student Center website in advance.

Monthly updates, research reports, and end products should be emailed to the GAPSA Chair for Research Students at gapsa.research@gmail.com.