

To: Graduate Program Directors, Graduate Program Coordinators
From: Nina Maung-Gaona, Director, W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship Program
Date: Thursday, May 24, 2012
Subject: **2012 W. BURGHARDT TURNER DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP**

Mission of the Turner Fellowship Dissertation Award

To assist underrepresented or other disadvantaged students in the timely completion of their dissertation and to engage them in the Turner Fellowship community as campus ambassadors. Turner Fellows demonstrate that our nation's historically underrepresented or disadvantaged groups are excelling in graduate scholarship. Turner fellows show intent to carry out their social responsibility as future leaders, educators, and/or researchers here in the United States.

Deadline

Please submit your nominations no later than Wednesday, June 27. Notifications of awards will be made by July 18.

Awards

- We anticipate that 3-5 awards will be granted for the 2012-2013 academic year
- Depending on the award level, a candidate may receive a one-year or two-year award, up to \$10,000 per year, to be disbursed in two one-half installments mid-way through each semester and at the end of each semester (fall and spring) – specific disbursement information will be provided in the award letter.
- Recipients must be registered for full time study by day 15 of each semester in order to maintain eligibility

Eligibility

1. United States citizen or permanent resident
2. Doctoral student at Stony Brook
3. Advancement to candidacy by July 20, 2012
4. Student has not previously received any W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship funding

Nomination Procedures

1. Completed Nomination Form
2. Nomination letter from the Graduate Program Director or Chair
3. Supporting letter from the dissertation advisor

Please note: at least one of the two letters above should clearly include details addressing the following:

- the stage of the nominee's dissertation writing
 - projected date of completion for the Ph.D.
 - listed members of the student's dissertation committee indicating who is serving as chair
 - any additional information that would aid in the decision
4. Graduate level transcripts (official transcripts from Stony Brook are NOT necessary)
 5. A current C.V.
 6. A brief description of the research written by the student
 7. Copies of teaching evaluations, if available
 8. Nominee's Statement of Teaching Philosophy
 9. A Turner Fellowship statement that consists of a one-page personal statement from the candidate stating the ways in which the candidate believes s/he will contribute to the diversity on campus or their field of study, their long term goals and how the dissertation award will help them realize those goals. It would be helpful to include any information related to their academic/social experience that relates to the

mission of Turner and any involvement they have had with the NSF-AGEP or Center for Inclusive Education communities or activities.

For more information about the Turner Fellowship Program, including our mission statement, please visit our Web site at: <http://www.grad.sunysb.edu/turner/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nina Maung-Gaona".

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