

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
Application Information and Criteria for the
Leslie N. Wilson-Delores Auzenne Graduate Assistantship for Minorities
2016-2017

INFORMATION:

Leslie N. Wilson-Delores Auzenne Assistantships are available for minority students pursuing a graduate degree program full-time (enrolled for a minimum of nine hours (9) per semester). The assistantship carries a \$5,000 stipend, plus tuition waivers for the academic year. Holders of this award are assigned either a teaching or research assistantship appointment by their department. Awardees for 2016-2017 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. The \$5,000 stipend will be distributed to the awardee through their department on a biweekly basis for the Fall and Spring terms. A nine (9) hour matriculation and/or out-of-state tuition waiver will be provided for the Fall and Spring terms as part of this award. **Applicants cannot receive another university or McKnight Fellowship along with the Wilson-Auzenne Assistantship.**

Students wishing to be considered for the Wilson-Auzenne Assistantship award should contact their academic department to begin the application process. The department nomination deadline is **January 20, 2016**, and the **deadline for the student's application is February 3, 2016**. The recommender deadline is **February 17, 2016**; and the endorsement deadline is **February 24, 2016**. The following is the criteria and information that will be necessary to apply.

CRITERIA:

- Applicants for the award must be minority students (African-American, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific Islander, and Native-American).
- Applicants must be enrolled as regular, full-time graduate students in the department or school in which the nominee expects to study, **or** currently accepted for study in a graduate degree program at Florida State University. Students are considered new if they are officially admitted to a graduate degree program for enrollment after Spring 2016 and have no previous FSU grades.
- Applicants must be admitted as a non-exception, regular, full-time graduate student to the department or school in which the nominee expects to study.
- Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States. **(Non-U.S. citizens or non-permanent resident aliens possessing the following visa categories are not eligible for this fellowship: B, C, D, F, J, L or M.)**
- Recipients must maintain eligibility for the duration of the assistantship, i.e., maintain regular graduate student status and a minimum 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average.

STUDENT INFORMATION NECESSARY AT TIME OF ONLINE APPLICATION:

- Upload Unofficial transcripts (Undergraduate and Graduate Combined in one upload of transcripts)
- Statement of Goals
- Provide the contact information (name, email, etc.) for required letters of recommendation **specific to this assistantship**. Two (2) letters are required for currently enrolled students and three (3) letters for new students. For currently enrolled students, one letter should be from the major professor and the other from the Dean/Department Chair/Graduate Program Director detailing your progress in the program.
- Provide GPA (undergraduate/graduate) (expectation minimum 3.0)
- Provide GRE/MAT/GMAT/LSAT scores.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION FOR "ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS":

- Application process begins with the academic department. Any student wishing to apply will contact their academic department who initiates the application process. The Graduate School will notify all campus departments when the application process is available. They should notify students they wish to apply. A student may also contact the department for support of their application.
- Nomination(s) must be initiated by the department/school/college, and endorsed by the Dean/Dean Designee, Department Chair, or Dean/Department Designee. Nomination must indicate the type of assistantship (RA) or (TA) (Ex: M9182, M9184, W9185 and Z9185) that will be assigned, approximate stipend and workload. This appointment makes them eligible for the nine (9) hour matriculation and/or out-of-state waiver provided with this award.

- Once the department has identified a student that meets the criteria, they notify the student to apply and provide them the link for the online application. Once the student completes (in its entirety) the online application and “submits” it, the student will no longer access the system. Those asked for a letter of recommendation, will be allotted a time period to provide the recommendation. Once the recommendation letters are provided, the application will be complete. The department will certify the application and forward to the complete application to the Dean, Department Chair, or Dean/Department Designee for their review and endorsement.
- Departments will evaluate and rank order applicants, up to two new and up to two newly enrolled students, that they wish to nominate. To be considered, applicants must meet the criteria listed above.

For questions regarding this assistantship, please contact Brian Barton or David Beck in The Graduate School, Room 314 Westcott Building, MC: 1410, email: (GS-WACE@admin.fsu.edu), Phone 850-644-3501, Fax 850-644-2969.