Goal

The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) emphasizes the need for best practices in recruitment, retention and completion in order to ensure quality doctoral education and training. A best practice highlighted in CGS reports includes financial support to optimize student performance during each step of this training pathway. The Rumble fellowship program thus aims to optimize Ph.D. students’ performance by providing support as well as establishing expected outcomes for each stage of their training process. Recipients of the Rumble award may hold employment within the University up to 10 hours per week with prior written permission using the Request for Approval of an Additional Service Assignment form.

A. Recruitment: In order to enhance the quality of Ph.D. students, these fellowships will provide funding to outstanding students newly recruited to graduate programs at WSU. Departments will be required to support the newly recruited fellow for one additional year.

B. Development of Research and Scholarship: These fellowships will be used to develop the skills of Ph.D. students who demonstrate the most promise for conducting research and scholarship leading to a high quality dissertation. These awards should be made to students between their 2nd and 5th year of a work in a Ph.D. program. The fellowship year should be used by the awardees to pursue research that can lead to presentations at professional conferences, peer-reviewed publications, and extramural fellowship, scholarship or grant submissions to national funding agencies.

C. Completion: These fellowships will be used to encourage promising Ph.D. students to complete high quality dissertations in a timely manner. Completion Fellowship nominees and their advisors must anticipate completion within one year of the award. The student may not have received a prior Dissertation Fellowship award or have been enrolled in a Ph.D. program for longer than 7 years.

Allocation of Fellowships

The primary, though not only, criterion for the allocation of Rumble Fellowships to schools/colleges is Ph.D. productivity. Departmentalized schools and colleges will receive the Graduate School’s departmental distribution information and will be required to follow these distributions, unless they submit a written justification, for academic or strategic reasons, to the Graduate School for modifying the distribution.

Fellowship Components

- Stipend of $16,000 for the academic year (bi-weekly checks mid- August 2017 through mid-May 2018). Tuition scholarship that provides payment of 7.5-10 credits for each of the fall and winter semesters, unless in maintenance status. Note that the scholarship will pay only for credits that are or are expected to be on the student's Plan of Work.
- Subsidized medical, vision and dental insurance for 12 months (September through August) at a value of $5,279.
Deadline for Graduate School Notification

The Graduate School must be notified of the decisions for all three fellowship categories by May 15, 2017 by the units receiving the awards. The receiving units must submit written notification to the Graduate School of the numbers of fellowships awarded in each category as well as the name, Banner ID and the year in the program of each award recipient. In the case of Completion Fellowships, the written notification must confirm that the student and the advisor anticipate degree completion within one year of the end of the award period. Send notification to Karen Schramm k.schramm@wayne.edu.

Expected Outcomes and Measurement of Success for Rumble Fellowship Recipients

The expected outcomes for recipients of all three Fellowship categories are outlined below. At the conclusion of the fellowship award year, but no later than June 30 of the fellowship year, the unit’s Graduate Director must provide to the Graduate School documentation of outcomes for each fellowship recipient, as per the criteria listed for each category. Failure to provide this documentation by this deadline will result in withholding of future fellowships for that department. The documentation should be send to Karen Schramm k.schramm@wayne.edu.

Recruitment: Recipients of the Recruitment Fellowships are expected to have:

(i) Received a departmental annual review, which includes milestones towards completion of the PhD, such as the Plan of Work, Qualifying Examinations, etc.
(ii) Prepared an application for an external fellowship, where appropriate

Development of Research and Scholarship: Recipients of the Development of Research and Scholarship Fellowships are expected to have:

(i) Received a departmental annual review, which includes milestones towards completion of the PhD, such as Plan of Work, Qualifying Examinations, Research Proposal preparation, etc.
(ii) Had at least one presentation at a professional conference
(iii) Submitted a minimum of one manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal, OR
(iv) Submitted a minimum of one fellowship application to an approved peer-reviewed external funding agency or program

Completion: Recipients of the Completion Fellowships are expected to have:

(i) Completed the doctoral degree within 12 months following completion of the fellowship period
(ii) Received a departmental annual review, which includes milestones towards completion of the PhD, such as completion summary, proposal, dissertation defense plans, etc.
(iii) Had at least one presentation at a professional conference
(iv) Presented results of their research at the Graduate School’s annual Graduate Exhibition
(v) Submitted a minimum of one manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal, OR
(vi) Submitted a minimum of one fellowship application to an approved peer-reviewed external funding agency or program