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Memorandum

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TO: College of Arts and Sciences Department Chairs and Program Directors

FROM: Mary Anne Fitzpatrick 

RE: **College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Dissertation Fellowships
Call for Nominations due April 6, 2012**

One of the College of Arts and Sciences' strategic goals is "to develop the next generation of intellectual leadership through excellent doctoral programs and graduate programs at the master's and certificate levels." I am delighted to announce that the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Dissertation Fellowship program will be continued for 2012-2013. For the 2012-2013 academic year, the College will fund ten (10) dissertation fellowships to support students in the final stage of their studies. This initiative is a response to one of the recommendations that emerged from faculty discussion at the College's Retreat on Doctoral Education in January 2011, and is intended to provide enhanced support for roughly 10% of the PhD students nearing completion of their programs.

Each **College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Dissertation Fellowship** is worth \$25,000. Students enrolled in any of the College's Doctor of Philosophy programs may be nominated. Students must be admitted to candidacy in their degree program, must have passed comprehensive exams, and must have received approval of their dissertation proposal. Fellowships are for 2012-2013 only, and are not renewable.

The **College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Dissertation Fellowships** will be awarded by a competitive process. Nominations must be made by the department chair or program director offering the degree program. Departments and programs are not limited in the number of nominations they may make, but in cases of multiple nominations, the department chair or program director must rank the nominations in order of priority.

Nomination packets should include the following:

1. Student's full name, mailing address, and e-mail address;
2. Student's degree program;
3. Student's CV;
4. A statement from the director of graduate studies certifying that the student has been admitted to candidacy, passed comprehensive exams, and received approval for the dissertation proposal;
5. A letter of nomination from the department chair or program director offering the degree program;
6. A supporting letter of recommendation from the student's doctoral advisor that includes a description (no more than 2 pages) of the proposed dissertation project;
7. Name, campus mailing address, and e-mail address of the director of graduate studies for the student's degree program.

Nominations must be received by the College Office by **Friday, April 6, 2012**. Please submit nomination packets in both paper and electronic form. Nine (9) paper copies of the nomination packet should be delivered to Gambrell 251 by the deadline and electronic copies should be e-mailed to Mary Ann Byrnes at byrnes@sc.edu

We look forward to receiving nominations. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Roger Sawyer, Executive Dean and Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Education.

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