

First-year Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowships: Summer 2011

Purpose: The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry will be awarding five Summer Research Fellowships to support RA support for graduate students.

Eligibility: The purpose of the fellowships is to act as a recruiting inducement for future graduate students, so the awards are limited to first-year graduate students, i.e. students who started here in Fall, 2010. Students who have not previously received fellowship support will be given some preference but there are no restrictions on who may apply.

Award Description: Each fellowship is \$5000, paid toward student summer support. The student's faculty mentor must agree to supplement the fellowship up to the department's agreed-upon summer salary (currently ~\$5700.)

Nomination Procedure: Each faculty member may nominate up to one student from his/her research group.

The application package should include the following:

1. Student's CV
2. Graduate transcript (unofficial copy)
3. Research description, prepared by the student, no more than one page, including:
 - a. Research Title
 - b. Definition of research problem and its significance
 - c. Research plans and any preliminary results
4. A supporting letter from the student's faculty advisor. This letter should address the student's potential for research and it must confirm the faculty member's commitment to supplement the fellowship.

Selection Method. The Graduate Awards Committee will evaluate applications and select awardees. The major criteria in the selection will be the student's demonstrated achievement in course work and her/his potential for success in research. The Committee will notify the faculty of awardee selections.

Award Method. Awardees will be officially notified by letter.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

April 15, 2011

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

**Tia Smith-Best, Graduate Office, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry
tbest@umd.edu**

The student should submit one PDF including everything but the faculty letter, with subject line "Summer Research Fellowship – Last Name, First Name – Application"

The advisor should submit a separate email with the subject line

"Summer Research Fellowship – Last Name, First Name – Recommendation"