



**THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
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The Board of Regents supports eleven Economic Development Assistantships (EDAs) which are now open to competition for academic year 2008-2009. The EDA carries a stipend of \$25k annually. Students must pay all applicable fees; they are eligible for the tuition exemption program and the health insurance stipend program for fulltime graduate assistants. These awards are for **recruiting superior graduate students** who can demonstrate that their study has a direct impact on the economic development of Louisiana. The students must meet all criteria for admission and appointment to an assistantship. Because of additional reporting requirements, the paperwork burden on these awards is a little more than other awards but this should not deter any eligible unit from participating in the program. A copy of the exact criteria is attached for your review.

You are invited to submit a proposal(s) for these assistantships for Fall 2008 recruitment. Please limit your submission to one per principal investigator. ***Proposals should be submitted directly to the Graduate School by the PI.*** Each proposal should include a statement (two pages maximum plus the cover sheet (attached)) of how your department will use the requested award to attract a superior student to a specific degree program and a specific research project with an impact on economic development. There is no required format other than the information on the attached page. This cover page is required. **Do not submit student names at this time.**

Preference will be given to proposals that will further LSU's Flagship Agenda by seeding new research to expand LSU's research portfolio and extramural funding, and must at the same time demonstrate potential enhancement of economic development opportunities for Louisiana.

The Graduate School is required to report annually, in detail to the Board of Regents, how these funds are impacting economic development in Louisiana. Successful proposals will clearly specify a measure or standard against which the project's contribution to economic development can be measured.

Proposals will be accepted until all awards are given but to guarantee full consideration, proposals must be received by **NOON, October 19, 2007**. *Proposals received after this date and time will not be reviewed.* Please submit all documents via email in pdf to mhamil3@lsu.edu (Marie Hamilton, Assistant Dean, LSU Graduate School).

The Graduate School Dean and/or his representative will make the final decisions on all awards.

Awards will be announced in December.

Please direct all questions to mhamil3@lsu.edu

PROPOSAL FOR 2008-2009 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANTSHIP

PI: _____

DEPT/CENTER: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Prior EDA Awards:

Disposition:

Rec'd: _____

Rank: _____

Awarded: _____

Recipient: _____

Student ID: _____

Economic Development Assistantships

(initiated August 2002, revised September 2007)

Economic Development Assistantships in the amount of \$25,000 per student per year may be authorized at the discretion of the Dean of the Graduate School. These assistantships are to be awarded to incoming doctoral students whose study and/or research will directly affect the economic development of Louisiana and are to be used to attract superior doctoral graduate students to your program, i.e., they are a recruiting tool. Preference will be given to out of state students or to Louisiana residents returning to the state. They may not be given to students already enrolled in doctoral study. Students are responsible for paying University fees while a tuition exemption is provided for both resident and non-resident tuition. A student insurance supplement of \$350 each for fall and spring semesters is also provided if the student selects one of the LSU sponsored health insurance programs.

The assistantships may be continued for four consecutive years; departments should plan to continue assistantships from other funding sources for students who take longer than four years to complete their terminal degree.

Students who are awarded ED Assistantships must maintain ***a 3.5 overall and semester GPA***. Their duties will consist of research on the project submitted by the faculty project director or a very closely related topic. Additional duties, including teaching, may not be assigned without prior written consent of the Graduate School.

ED Assistantships return to the Graduate School at the termination of the student's appointment, regardless of reason for termination. Students who drop into a master's program may not continue to hold an ED Assistantship.

Students holding ED Assistantships may be awarded *either* a supplement or an enhancement (but not both) upon nomination by your department from your departmental pool and approval by the Graduate School.

Departments who are assigned ED Assistantships should complete the nomination form with required attachments and submit to the Assistant Dean, LSU Graduate School. Upon approval by the Graduate School, the student's contract will be emailed directly to the student. Awarded students will be appointed by the Graduate School Assistantship Coordinator.

Departments will be required to submit a report of performance indicators at the conclusion of each semester. These indicators will include but are not limited to student-specific data such as GREs, GPAs, a paragraph by the student on his/her progress, a paragraph by the faculty mentor on the student's progress and a statement of the impact of the student's work on a specific area of economic development for Louisiana.

Students will be expected to provide an annual report to the major professor for inclusion the departmental report. Deadline for receipt of annual reports by the Graduate School is June 15 annually. Reports may not exceed 4 pages total per student.

Questions regarding ED Assistantships should be addressed to the Assistant Dean, LSU Graduate School.