To: Graduate Program Directors, Graduate Program Coordinators
From: Toni Sperzel, Director, Dr. W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship Program
Date: Friday, December 23, 2016
Subject: 2016-2017 Dr. W. BURGHARDT TURNER DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS

**Mission of the Turner Fellowship Dissertation Award**

To assist underrepresented or other disadvantaged doctoral students in the timely completion of their dissertation and to engage them in the Turner Fellowship and Center for Inclusive Education community. Turner Fellows demonstrate that our nation's historically underrepresented or disadvantaged groups are excelling in graduate scholarship. Turner fellows show intent to carry out their social responsibility as future leaders, educators, and/or researchers here in the United States.

**Deadline**

For the 2016-2017 academic year applications will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning on January 15, 2017. We anticipate 5 awards will be given during the year.

**Award Information**

- Departments may nominate dissertation fellows for either 1 or 2 year awards of $10,000 per year to be disbursed in two annual, one-half installments.
- In the case of 2 year nominations, departments are encouraged to consider the Turner support as a supplement to other departmental funding during that time period such as a TA, GA or RA appointment.
- Recipients must be registered for full time study by day 15 of each semester in order to maintain eligibility.

**Eligibility**

1. United States citizen or permanent resident
2. Doctoral student at Stony Brook
3. Advancement to Candidacy (G5) prior by the start of the requested semester of fellowship distribution
4. Student has not previously received any funding support from the Dr. W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship Program

**Nomination Procedures: All nominations must be submitted in .pdf format to turnerfellowships@stonybrook.edu**

1. Completed Nomination Form
2. Nomination letter from the Graduate Program Director or Chair
3. Supporting letter from the dissertation advisor/dissertation committee chair

Please note: The two letters above should in combination clearly address in detail the following:

- the stage of the nominee's dissertation writing
- Projected date of completion for the Ph.D.
- listed members of the student's dissertation committee indicating who is serving as chair
- Indication of how and why the department feels the student's experiences and research/professional goals fall in line with the mission of the Turner fellowship program to support underrepresented or other disadvantaged scholars in their pursuit and completion of terminal degrees who will contribute to the diversity of the student body

4. Graduate level transcripts (official transcripts from Stony Brook are NOT necessary)
5. A current C.V.
6. A brief description of the research written by the nominee
7. Copies of teaching evaluations, if available
8. Nominee's Statement of Teaching Philosophy
9. A Turner Fellowship statement that consists of a one-page personal statement from the candidate stating the ways in which the candidate believes s/he will contribute to the diversity on campus or their field of study, their long term goals to carry out their social responsibility as a future leader and/or educator, and how the dissertation award would help them realize these goals. It would be helpful to include any information related to their academic/social experience relevant to the mission of Turner and any involvement they have had with the Center for Inclusive Education community or activities.

For more information about the Turner Fellowship Program, please visit our Web site at: http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/turner/index.html

Sincerely,

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W. BURGHARDT TURNER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP NOMINATION FORM

Name ____________________________________________
(last) (first) (middle)

EMPLID # ___________________ Dept/Grad Program _______________________

Student Address
____________________________________________________________
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Telephone ________________________________

Email Address _______________________________________________________

Date of advancement to candidacy __________________________
(month) (year)

US Citizen: _____ OR Permanent Resident: _____

Undergraduate Institution and Major: __________________________________

This student is being nominated for (please circle one):

A) 2-year dissertation fellowship      B) 1-year dissertation fellowship

*Please provide a brief financial award outline below

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Total annual year funding: $________________

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Signature and Title of Nominator Date