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Attached is the Tom Slick Application for the Spring 2010 semester.
Please forward to any of your graduate students that you feel would be
interested in applying for this fellowship. The deadline for
applications is November 11, 2009.

If you have any questions please call or email.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. John Nichols, Department of Agricultural Economics
Dr. Gary Acuff, Department of Animal Science
Dr. Tim Davis, Department of Horticultural Sciences
Dr. John Carey, Department of Poultry Science
Dr. Steve Whisenant, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
Dr. David Baltensperger, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences
Dr. Thomas Lacher, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Science

SUBJECT: Applications for Tom Slick Graduate Fellowships

The Tom Slick Fellowship Committee is ready to receive applications from eligible PhD. candidates for the Tom Slick Graduate Fellowships for the Spring Semester 2010.   We are attaching information on selection criteria, information on application contents, and format.   This fellowship will be $20,100 for a 12 month appointment for a period of one year, $1000.00 discretionary funds, plus an insurance stipend.   Tuition only payment for up to twenty-four hours (9 Fall, 9 Spring, and 6 Summer) for the twelve month term of the fellowship will also be provided depending on the availability of funds.

The awards are made to graduate students in programs listed in the attached selection criteria. A GPA of 3.5 or above is required for an applicant to be considered. You will note that the applicant must be primarily engaged in research for his/her degree.   Course work should be essentially completed by the time of application, but each applicant will be considered individually.

All students applying for or receiving a Tom Slick Graduate Fellowship should be aware that a "fellowship" may cause problems with certain types of student loans. All interested students who have loans should check with Student Financial Aid to determine the impact of this fellowship on their loan program.

Completed applications should be sent to Robert Pottberg, Room 101D Kleberg Center, by Wednesday, November 11, 2009.

Sincerely,

C. R. Creger
Chairman, Tom Slick Graduate Fellowship Committee

Attachments
cc: Tom Slick Fellowship Committee

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TOM SLICK GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The Tom Slick Graduate Research Fellowship Program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University provides financial support for the research training of exceptional graduate students regardless of nationality. The topic of the research conducted by the student should be relevant to the agriculture of Southwest Texas, and the research must be conducted in the State of Texas. Recipients are selected twice yearly with fellowships beginning January first and September first. Tenure is for no more than 12 months. The stipend is comparable with those of other competitive graduate fellowships, and a discretionary expense fund is provided for each Fellow.   Fellows are selected by a committee appointed by the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. All requirements must be met by the applicant in order for his/her application to be considered.

Any questions regarding the following guidelines should be directed to the departmental representative of the Tom Slick Fellowship Committee or my office at 845-1931.

Selection Criteria:

1. The applicant must be a fulltime PhD. graduate student enrolled in one of the following degree programs within the departments listed below:

a. Agricultural Economics in the Department of Agricultural Economics
b. Animal Breeding, Animal Science and Physiology of Reproduction in the Department of Animal Science
c. Horticultural Sciences in the Department of Horticultural Sciences
d. Poultry Science in the Department of Poultry Science
e. Rangeland Ecology and Management in the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
f. Agronomy, Plant Breeding, and Soil Science in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences
g. Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences

Due to specifications listed in the Tom Slick Memorial Trust; Students from Inter-disciplinary Programs are ineligible for this fellowship.

2. Applicant must have a GPA of 3.5 or above.

3. The applicant must be primarily engaged in research for his/her degree. Course work should be essentially completed by the time of application, but each applicant will be considered individually.

4. Successful applicants must have passed their preliminary examinations before receiving Tom Slick stipends.

5. Applicants may not be employed above 50% effort and receive this fellowship. If employed and receiving a health insurance stipend from employed position, applicants will not be eligible for insurance stipend from the fellowship.

<u>Application Contents</u>:

1. A cover page in the format of the attached example.

2. A letter addressed to the Selection Committee, Tom Slick Graduate Research Fellowships, requesting consideration, and giving any biographical information that the applicant deems necessary. The applicant must explain the significance of his/her research objectives.

3. A letter of recommendation from the chair of the student's advisory committee (major professor).

4. A list of publications and presentations at scientific meetings for the last 5 years.

5. A current copy of the Degree Program approved by the Office of Graduate Studies with amendments as necessary.

6. The applicant must be a full-time student and must be enrolled in at least 9 hours during the regular semester and at least 6 hours during the summer session.

7. A 1-page summary of the applicant's Dissertation Proposal. It is preferred that this proposal be approved by the applicant's Advisory Committee and the Office of Graduate Studies.

Eight (8) copies of the application should be sent to:

Dr. C. R. Creger, Chairman, c/o Robert Pottberg
Tom Slick Committee
Department of Poultry Science
Room 101, Kleberg Center
Campus 2472

FORMAT -- TOM SLICK APPLICATION COVER SHEET

NAME OF STUDENT
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

1.   LOCAL ADDRESS

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2.   GPA: _____

3.   PRELIMINARY EXAMS: State whether completed or date scheduled.

4.   STATUS OF PROPOSAL: Submitted to committee, approved by committee, or approved by Office of Graduate Studies.

5.   COURSES: State the courses that have yet to be taken, and when they will be taken.

6.   EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: Month and Year.

7.   DISSERTATION TITLE: Give full title.

8.   INDICATE PRESENT POSITION OR MEANS OF SUPPORT: GANT, GAT, etc.

    This is to certify that the above information has been checked and we attest to its accuracy and completeness.

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Student   Major Professor

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Department Head