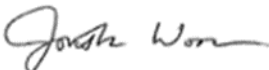




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DATE: October 13, 2023

SUBJECT: Lillian B. Lawler Predoctoral Fellowship Nominations for 2024-2025

Lillian B. Lawler Predoctoral Fellowships are awarded to full-time students pursuing a Ph.D. degree who show potential for an outstanding career in teaching and research. Nominees must be entering their third year or higher in the 2024-2025 academic year. The recipients will be selected on the basis of their academic achievement as graduate students, promise of research contributions, and teaching excellence. A stipend of approximately \$23,680.00 will be awarded for the 2024-2025 academic year plus a tuition scholarship for the duration of the fellowship. Please note that these are the current stipend rates and are subject to change. Depending on the outcome of the current budget process, the stipend may be somewhat higher than the amount indicated above. Lawler Fellows are expected to engage in full-time dissertation research during the period of their fellowship. No additional duties will be permitted or required.

Each eligible department may nominate up to three (3) students, all of whom must be within guaranteed years of funding during the 2024-2025 academic year. Each department must submit a rank-ordered list of nominees in memo format. The memo should include a section explaining the department's strategy for selecting nominees as well as a brief explanation of each nominee's ranking. These memos must be uploaded to the department's OneDrive folder by **8:30am on Monday, January 22, 2024.**

If a student has previously held competitive fellowship support from inside and/or outside the University, the ranking memo must address what the student has accomplished with the previous fellowship(s) and why an additional year of fellowship support sound be considered for the nominee given the finite number of fellowships available for all graduate students. Please consider any two-term (or longer) competitive external and internal fellowships. If you are unsure if a student has previously received a fellowship that must be addressed, please do not hesitate to contact asgrad.fellowships@pitt.edu.

Third year and above student nominees must:

- Obtain three recommendation letters
- Submit a C.V. (no more than two pages)
- Submit a research proposal (no more than three pages double-spaced not including references); must reference any previous competitive fellowship support
- Submit a copy of current academic transcript
- Submit a teaching portfolio, to consist of:
 - a teaching statement addressing the nominee's personal teaching philosophy (two double-spaced pages max)
 - one OMET teaching evaluation, preferably for an independently taught course
 - one syllabus, preferably from an independently taught course
 - list of all teaching assignments since entering the University of Pittsburgh

All application materials must be uploaded to the department's OneDrive folder by **8:30am on Monday, January 22, 2024.**

The 2024-2025 awards are expected to be announced by **Friday, February 16, 2024.**