Graduate Fellowship Program
2014-2015

Scholars of all levels benefit from being able to reach out to and learn from colleagues in different disciplines, and developing the skills to communicate with specialists in different fields can be essential to the flourishing of early career scholars. Beginning in the fall of 2014, the Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute (DCII) and the Dedman Dean’s office will select fellows to participate in a program designed to foster interdisciplinary communication and collaboration. Fellows will be mid-career doctoral students in one of the college’s twelve Ph.D. programs.

Fellows will meet several times a month for the academic year. Meetings will include discussions that approach common readings from multi-disciplinary perspectives, as well as attention to developing the kind of disciplinary awareness that is useful when communicating to the broader academy, to funding agencies, and to the wider public about the ways that scholarly research serves society. Fellows will also be expected to be active participants in the programs sponsored by the DCII. The time commitment will correspond roughly to that of a one-credit graduate course, and the program is designed to enhance, not compete with, the student’s course of graduate study.

Fellows will enjoy office space, meeting space, and common space in the Hyer and Heroy buildings. In addition, fellows will have access to travel support for interdisciplinary professional development, as well as funds to develop a shared project in the spring semester.

Applications must be received by August 1, 2014, and must be accompanied by a brief letter of support from the student’s advisor or the Director of Graduate Studies in his/her department. Fellows will be selected by a faculty committee representing the College’s three divisions.

Questions and proposals should be sent to Kate Carté Engel at kengel@smu.edu.

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