

**Dean's Doctoral Awards  
College of Arts and Sciences**

**I. DEAN'S DOCTORAL SCHOLAR AWARD (DDSA)**

**Purpose of Award:** to support departments in the College in their efforts to recruit the most competitive students to their doctoral programs.

**Number of Awards:** Each doctoral degree granting department will be given a fixed allocation of awards to distribute annually. This fixed allocation will be based on doctoral degree production.

**Award Amount:** \$2,500, renewable for one additional year.

**Payment of Award:** The full amount of the award will be paid directly to the student by the Dean's office early in the fall semester.

**Eligibility:** Incoming fall admissions doctoral students who will hold a .5 FTE assistantship in the College of Arts and Sciences. Recipients must register for a minimum of 9 credit hours for the Fall and Spring semester for the duration of the two years of the award. To be eligible for the second year of the award, the department must certify that the student is in good academic standing.

**Selection:** Selection of recipients will be delegated to departments and departmental offers to recipients should include the following: *Your offer includes a Dean's Doctoral Scholar Award (DDSA) in the amount of \$2,500, less applicable taxes, if not in conflict with a superseding award such as the Legacy Fellowship. The DDSA would be renewable for a second year, provided you remain in good academic standing.* If a recipient declines, or receives a Legacy fellowship from the Graduate School, the department may extend the award to another competitive candidate.

**Restrictions:** The DDSA is not transferable. Specifically, if a student does not qualify for the renewable second year, or leaves the program, the department may *not* transfer that award to another student.

**DDSA and Graduate School Legacy Fellowship:** A student may not receive both a DDSA and Legacy Fellowship. If a named recipient of the DDSA is chosen for a Legacy, the department should inform them immediately of the increase in their offer (from a DDSA to a Legacy). The department may then offer the DDSA to another candidate.

**Timeline:** Each department should seek to finalize their DDSA offers by the end of the spring semester. Please send the final list of your DDSA recipient(s) to Melissa Ray (maray@fsu.edu) no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## II. DEAN'S AWARD for DOCTORAL EXCELLENCE (DADE)

**Purpose of Award:** to recognize meritorious performance from doctoral students in the later phases of their program.

**Number of Awards:** Each doctoral degree granting department will be given a fixed allocation of awards to distribute annually. This fixed allocation will be based on doctoral degree production.

**Award Amount:** \$3,000, renewable for up to two additional years.

**Payment of Award:** The full amount of the award will be paid directly to the student by the Dean's office early in the fall semester.

**Eligibility:** Current doctoral students in good academic standing who have completed at least two years of their degree program and who hold a 0.5 FTE assistantship. To be eligible for the second and third years of the award, the department must certify that the student is in good academic standing, continues to hold a 0.5 FTE assistantship, and is making progress towards completion of the degree. Doctoral students beyond year 6 of their program may not hold the award.

**Selection:** Selection of recipients will be delegated to departments under an expectation that awards will be made to top-performing doctoral students. Departmental offers to recipients should include the following: *Your offer includes a Dean's Award for Doctoral Excellence (DADE) in the amount of \$3,000, less applicable taxes, which would be renewable for an additional two years, provided you remain in good academic standing.*

**Restrictions:** The DADE is not transferable. Specifically, if a student does not qualify for renewable years, or leaves the program, the department may *not* transfer that award to another student. Further, no student can receive funding from a DADE beyond the sixth year.

**DADE and Graduate School Legacy Fellowship:** Students holding a University Legacy Fellowship are not eligible for a DADE.

**Timeline:** Please send the final list of your DADE recipient(s) to Melissa Ray (maray@fsu.edu) no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

**Questions about the Dean's Doctoral Awards program may be directed to Associate Dean Aline Kalbian ([akalbian@fsu.edu](mailto:akalbian@fsu.edu)).**