

**Doctoral Student Tuition Fellowship (DSTF)
Eligibility Requirements**

The purpose of the program is to encourage excellence in terminal degree programs. Graduate students determined by the departments within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences as eligible for support under this program will be awarded a fellowship.

Selection of awardees must be made by a scholarship committee in the department in which the student is enrolled according to clearly defined criteria consistent with and adopted by the department committee and university.

This program replaces the former GATF (Graduate Assistance Teaching Fellowship) and is to be used to provide fellowships covering the cost of in-state tuition (up to 9 credit hours for each fall and spring, and 6 hours in the summer). The DSTF program does not cover mandatory course fees or differential designated tuition, which remains the obligation of the student. Details on the fellowship requirements are as listed below:

1. To be eligible to be considered for funding, a student must have an undergraduate degree or its equivalent and be admitted to a UH graduate or professional program, devoting full time (9 credit hours per fall and spring semester and 6 hours during the summer, if approved by the college or department, as appropriate) effort to a PhD or, in certain college approved cases, a terminal degree. Students classified as post-baccalaureate (PB), pre-grad or non degree objective (NDO) are not eligible.
2. Continuing students must have shown satisfactory progress in the degree program as defined by the enrolling college or department.
3. Continuing students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 in the PhD or approved terminal degree program.
4. Students who enter the doctoral program with a master's degree may hold the fellowship for no more than four academic years (8 semesters).
5. Doctoral degree seeking students who enter the doctoral program directly from a baccalaureate program may hold the fellowship for no more than six academic years (12 semesters).
6. Semesters in which a student received GATF will be applied to DSTF semester count.
7. Tuition for any additional credit hours in which a student enrolls over the minimum of nine or six will be charged to the student who will be responsible for the payment.
8. The student is responsible for all tuition and fees as they are due, regardless of the expectancy or disbursement of a DSTF.
9. Graduate students holding the fellowship must agree not to be employed (on or off campus) for more than 20 hours a week (50 % FTE). Violation of this provision will result in withdrawal of the funding during the semester in which the violation occurs.
10. Students whose tuition is paid through other financial aid sources are not eligible to receive the DSTF.
11. A student who fails to meet all of the criteria for eligibility throughout the entire semester will have their fellowship revoked retroactively, and will be billed for full tuition, and designated tuition charges.

Student Request for DSTF Consideration and Acknowledgement of Eligibility Criteria

I have read and understand the DSTF eligibility requirements. By signature of this document, I am requesting consideration for receipt of the DSTF. I also acknowledge that I understand if I do not meet, or fail to maintain, all the criteria for eligibility throughout the entire semester, I will be responsible for the full tuition and designated tuition charged to my student account. This includes DSTF award type restrictions.

Student Signature and PeopleSoft ID: _____ Date: _____

Director/Chair of Graduate Program Signature: _____ Date: _____