



Research, Graduate Studies & Study
Abroad Programs

CALL FOR PROPOSALS ANNOUNCEMENT

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Financial Aid

SUBJECT: Federal Work Study (FWS) Graduate Research Assistantships 2007-2008

The Research, Graduate Studies & International Programs and the Financial Aid Office are pleased to announce the sixth year of funding Work Study Graduate Research Assistantships. The purpose of this program is to match qualified master's students who are eligible for work-study funding with faculty and staff members who have research/creative projects requiring a research assistant. This program can be used as a recruiting mechanism to attract promising graduate students to our master's programs and to provide meaningful research experience to continuing master's students. This is a win, win situation! Awards of up to \$5,000 for the 2007-2008 Academic Year for master's students eligible for federal work-study. Students must be enrolled in 6 units or more of required coursework to be eligible for these graduate research assistantships.

To participate in the program, interested faculty and staff members should prepare a brief (two page) description of the project(s) for which a research assistant is needed. This statement should include a description of the work a graduate research assistant would be doing and any particular qualifications or skills needed by the student. Preference will be given to proposals that might lead to external funding. To insure the availability and eligibility of graduate assistants, those proposing projects are encouraged to submit the names of two students, including student ID numbers, (in case one of the students decides not to attend Humboldt or their interest changes). It would be up to the faculty to select either one of the students, or both, keeping in mind that the total award does not change if two students are selected. This funding is not intended as funding for master's thesis/projects. Continuing students may participate in summer research if they are enrolled in at least 6 units of graduate coursework for fall 2008. New students cannot begin research projects until they have registered for fall 2007. The Financial Aid Office will verify the financial aid eligibility of students. Any approved Federal Work-Study participation cannot begin until after August 1, 2007. These project descriptions should be submitted to the Research, Graduate Studies & International Programs (SH129) by **Tuesday, February 20, 2007, 5 p.m.** Students may also independently apply (include student ID number) for this program by providing a brief resume, including a description of qualifications and skills, and a letter of interest to Research, Graduate Studies, & International Programs by **Tuesday, February 20, 5 p.m.**

Interested students **must complete** a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) **by the priority deadline of March 2 and complete financial aid application files by April 30th, or earlier, to allow early notification.** Faculty and staff members are encouraged to inform students they might be considering for research assistantships to **complete the FAFSA by March 2.** The web address is www.fafsa.ed.gov/.

After verification of students' financial aid eligibility, a sub committee from Graduate Council will match students and research projects. Those receiving awards will be notified through their departments by the end of spring semester.

If you have questions, please contact Cynthia Werner in Research, Graduate Studies & Study Abroad Programs at x3949, or werner@humboldt.edu.