

PROCEDURE CHANGES FOR STUDENT RECRUITMENT

Graduate Recruitment Fellowships

1. Research Interest Groups may submit up to four ranked fellowship nominations. After considering the top candidate for a fellowship in each Interest Group, the Committee will consider an Interest Group's proportion of the School's graduate applications as an additional factor in fellowship assignment. For example, Interest Groups with small numbers of applicants may receive 1 or 2 fellowships, while those with larger applicant pools may receive 3 or 4.

Rationale: Because current policy specifies two nominations per Interest Group, Interest Groups with small numbers of applications may have a high proportion of their applicants considered for fellowships. This policy may deny fellowship consideration for highly qualified applicants in popular Interest Areas, thereby defeating a primary purpose of the fellowship policy which is to recruit the best applicants.

2. Fellowships will not be allocated to international students without matching support. Matching funding may come from a variety of sources as long as it is in hand.

Rationale: Unlike US residents and citizens, international students have strict regulations regarding outside employment and are not eligible for federally funded financial aid. Additionally, many other sources of grants and scholarships have US citizenship requirements. These restrictions are serious obstacles for international students to overcome without continued funding.

Undergraduate Recruitment and Continuing Student Scholarship Allocations:

Undergraduate recruitment scholarships, continuing undergraduate student scholarships, and continuing graduate student scholarships will consist of the resident operating fee only. Additional fees will be the responsibility of the student.

Rationale: These changes bring these scholarships more in line with graduate recruitment fellowships and Research Assistantships, both of which do not cover additional fees beyond the UW Tech Fee, which is waived for RAs but is paid by our fellowship funds to achieve equivalency. They also help stretch our scholarship funds in the face of increasing operating fees.