The Office of the Graduate School awards $250,000 annually to provide full funding or assist in funding of graduate assistantships. These awards are available to be competitive in attracting the highest quality graduate students, and serve specific needs of departments.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP AWARDS FOR Fall 2013

➢ Seven (7) Bridge funds will be available for the Fall 2013 semester. Requests for these funds will open on March 11, 2013 and close on March 22, 2013.
➢ Bridge Funds: $16,000 to $18000 – one year only.
   One time award to provide graduate student with a teaching or research assistantship to matriculate while another source of funding is being investigated or while result of a grant proposal that contains graduate student support is awaited.
➢ Appropriately detailed justification for request is required
➢ Preference for new or current Ph.D. Students

Faculty Member’s Name: ________________________________
Department/School Requesting Assistantship: ________________________________
Student’s Name: ________________________________ MSU ID: __________
Degree Sought: ________________________________ Major: ________________________________
Time Period (M/Y to M/Y): ________________________________

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST

• Attach separate sheet with appropriately detailed justification for request
• A sufficiently detailed justification must include information about the specific student for whom the award is requested
• Any complementary information such as student to assistantship ratio in the department, etc., graduate program strategies that align with the request, etc. would be helpful
• A one sentence statement expressing need is unacceptable

Typed/Printed Name: ________________________________ Approval Signatures: ________________________________ Date __________
Faculty Member ________________________________
Academic Department Head ________________________________ Date __________
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