GUIDELINES FOR DEPARTMENT OR INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM NOMINATED FELLOWSHIPS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY 2013-2014

I. Procedure for Application
   A. Fellowship applications shall be prepared by academic departments or interdisciplinary programs participating in the biotechnology program.

   B. Application forms for the fellowship are available from the Office of Biotechnology, 1210 Molecular Biology Building, or can be downloaded from the website at http://www.biotech.iastate.edu/fellowship-and-training-grant-funding.

   C. Return one copy of the completed fellowship application and the complete application of the student to Lori Miller, Office of Biotechnology, 1210 Molecular Biology Building. Applications are accepted and awarded throughout the year. Each academic department or interdisciplinary program may receive up to two new awards per academic year.

II. Fellowship Amount*

   For qualified U.S. citizens or permanent residents, the department or interdisciplinary program can request (a) its standard stipend for a research assistantship for one fiscal year up to $20,000, or (b) a fellowship supplement for up to four fiscal years that will be added to the assistantship provided by the academic unit. The supplement cannot exceed $20,000 for the four-year total. Please do not request both the stipend and the fellowship supplement.

   For qualified students who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents, the department or interdisciplinary program can request matching funds for a stipend of up to $10,000 for one fiscal year.

   For all students, part of the award may be used for tuition and fringe benefits, as long as the total award amount is not exceeded.

* Please be advised that a student’s acceptance of a fellowship offer is not a guarantee of funds from the Office of Biotechnology. Due to budgetary constraints, fellowship funds from the Office of Biotechnology are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until they are expended.

III. Fellowship Certification

   On the application form, the department chair or director of graduate education will be asked to certify that applicants who are awarded fellowships (1) will perform research on a project relating to biotechnology and (2) will comply with the admission guidelines established by the department/program which may, but are not required to, include the opportunity to rotate to research projects within the department/program.

IV. Criteria for Evaluation by Review Committee

   Applicant will be rated for the following:

   1. Acceptance by the Graduate College
   2. Grade point average, quality of the undergraduate and graduate institutions, and performance in basic science courses. A G.P.A. of 3.5 or above is required.
   3. Both the G.R.E. verbal score and the quantitative score must be at the 65th percentile or above, which is 154 verbal, 156 quantitative (520 verbal, 720 quantitative on the previous scale). If a 65th percentile does not exist, the next lowest percentile is used. A G.R.E. analytical writing score of 3.0 or above also is required.
   4. Applicant’s personal statement, letters of recommendation, reasons why the department or interdisciplinary program considers the applicant to be exceptional, and applicant’s science background, research experience, and publications related to biotechnology.