

#### Financial Aid Overview

- Assistantships
- Fellowships
- Loans



# Assistantships

- Research
- Teaching
- "Graduate
  Assistantships"



## Theory of Assistantships

- "Financial Aid"
- "Professional Development"
- At MU, assistantships usually carry full tuition benefit for students
  - Complications of "Graduate Tuition Support Program" (fee waivers)
- The Rights of Graduate Assistantships
  - Treated as "faculty" at MU
  - The Importance of the "offer letter"



#### Research Assistantships

- Who pays stipend?
  - What are origins of stipend, and why would it matter?
  - Do assistantships carry tuition benefits?
- What is the "FTE"?
- How many hours responsible?
- Duration of the assistantship
  - How much flexibility should PIs retain in terms of length of offer?



## Teaching Assistantships

- "TA" vs. "GI"
- Who pays stipend?
- Who pays tuition?
- FTE: How many courses, how many "hours"?



### Graduate Assistantships

- Should there be graduate assistantships apart from research and teaching?
- Can administrative work be linked to the professional development of students?
- Competition with administrative/clerical staff



# Fellowships

- Financial Aid
- Recruiting Tool
- External Fellowships
- Internal Fellowships



## External Fellowships

- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- Training grants as "fellowships."
- Ford Foundation; Soros Foundation, etc.



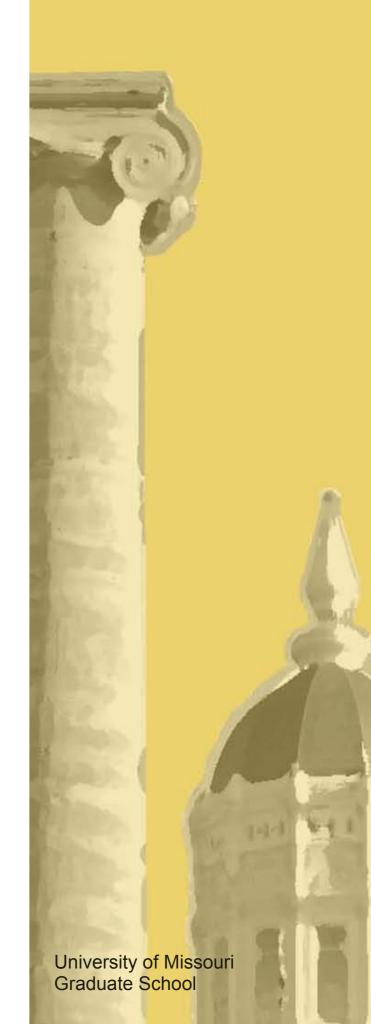
## Supplemental Fellowships

- Small amount of money given to departments on competitive basis
- Supplement assistantship/ departmental fellowship for first year



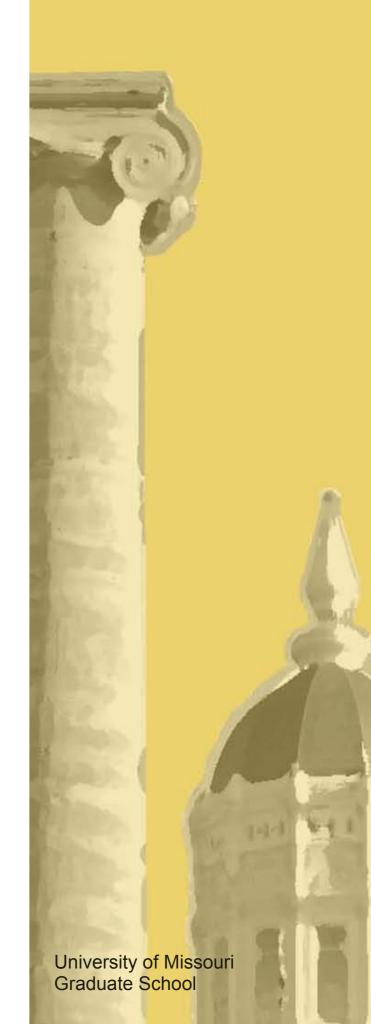
## University Fellowships

- From endowments/general operating funds
- Individuals nominated by departments
- Judged on individual basis
- Different competitions for PhD and Master's
- Available funds for underrepresented students



# Additional Internal Fellowships

- Peace Corps Fellowship
  Program
- Bies Travel Scholarship
- Other research and presentation travel assistance
  - Also assistance provided by graduate student organizations



#### Loans

- At MU, Federal loans handled by Financial Aid office
- Cashier's Office offers short term loans



## Questions?

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