

2009-2010 MPP LAURELS BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The MPP received a modest Laurels Scholarship Block Grant for the 2009-2010 academic year. Laurels Scholarships are non-cash awards for graduate tuition remission. The stated goals of the block grant program are to:

- a) deploy funds to recruit and retain graduate students of the highest quality to advance the university's strategic goals; and
- b) advance the institution's diversity goals in broadening participation by educationally underrepresented segments of society within the graduate enterprise.

Half of the block grant funds are targeted for recruitment of new students and the other half are dedicated to retention of second year students based on merit (GPA, GRE scores, letters of reference, etc.) and diversity (traditionally under-represented groups). Students on GRA/GTA appointments are not eligible for Laurels Scholarships. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA in all coursework (individual classes and the entire program of study) and be enrolled as a full-time student (12 credits minimum). Failure to maintain a 3.0 GPA or a full-time schedule will result in the loss of scholarships (and in the case of an insufficient number of credits, possible repayment of tuition for the quarter).

- All newly admitted students are automatically reviewed for scholarships.
- Interested second year students must submit an application for consideration by **April 1, 2009**. The application should include: (1) a letter of reference from your committee chair; (2) an updated resume; (3) an updated MPP Program Study Form; (4) an abstract of your planned MPP Essay; and (5) a plan for finishing the MPP in a timely fashion and the quarters you are seeking support (Ecampus and Summer Session courses are not eligible.). All application materials must be submitted to the MPP Director by 5:00 pm on April 1, 2009.

The MPP Admissions Committee will make decisions about awardees by **April 15, 2009**.