Memorandum

November 23, 2015

TO: College of Arts and Sciences Department Chairs and Program Directors

FROM: Thomas Vogt

RE: NanoCenter Dissertation Fellowship Call for Nominations
     Nominations Due Friday, April 1, 2016

One of the College of Arts and Sciences’ strategic goals is “to develop the next generation of intellectual leadership through excellent doctoral programs and graduate programs at the master’s and certificate levels.” To further this goal, the NanoCenter announces that, modeled after the College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship program, one (1) NanoCenter Dissertation Fellowship will be given for 2016-2017. The purpose of this fellowship is to support students beginning the final stage of their studies in a field of nanoscience and is intended to provide enhanced support.

The NanoCenter Dissertation Fellowship is worth $25,000. Students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences’ Doctor of Philosophy programs with relevance to nanoscience may be nominated. Students must be admitted to candidacy in their degree program, must have passed comprehensive exams, and must have received approval of their dissertation proposal. The fellowship is for 2016-2017 only, and is not renewable.

The NanoCenter Dissertation Fellowship will be awarded by a competitive process. Nominations must be made by the unit offering the degree program. A maximum of two (2) nominations may be submitted by any doctoral program for the NanoCenter Dissertation Fellowship. In cases of multiple nominations, a letter ranking the nominations and justifying the ranking must be supplied by the unit. A student may not be nominated for both a NanoCenter Dissertation Fellowship and a College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship.

Nominations must be received by the NanoCenter Office by Friday, April 1, 2016. Please submit nomination packets ONLY in electronic form to tvogt@mailbox.sc.edu. If there are multiple nominations, the ranking letter should be submitted in electronic form.

We look forward to receiving nominations. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Thomas Vogt, Director of the NanoCenter.

cc: Lacy Ford, Senior Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies
          College of Arts and Sciences Senior Staff
Nomination packets must include the following:

1. Cover sheet with the following information:
   ---student’s full name
   ---student’s mailing address
   ---student’s e-mail address
   ---student’s telephone number
   ---degree program
   ---date/semester of entry to the PhD program
   ---date/semester of expected conferral of degree
   ---date of PhD comprehensive exam
   ---date of dissertation proposal approval
   ---name, campus mailing address, and e-mail address of the director of graduate studies for the student’s degree program
   ---signature of the director of graduate studies certifying that the student has been admitted to candidacy, passed comprehensive exams, and received approval for the dissertation proposal.

2. Tentative title of the dissertation and a dissertation abstract (maximum 250 words.)

3. Student’s CV containing information on previous education, teaching and research experience, professional publications, awards or honors.

4. Student’s statement indicating all sources of funding:
   ---list of current fellowships [name of fellowship, granting organization/unit, semester(s) covered, amount of support]
   ---list of fellowships for which the student is applying [name of fellowship, granting organization/unit, semester(s) covered, amount of support]
   ---indication of eligibility for graduate assistantship through the department/program during the dissertation period
   ---explanation of any special circumstances that should be considered
   ---explanation of potential impact, both financial and academic, the fellowship would make in the student's progress toward degree.

5. Letter of recommendation from the student’s dissertation chair addressing the significance of the dissertation topic and the nominee’s ability to complete the dissertation in the time period allowed by the fellowship.

*Please be sure that each nomination packet is prepared separately.*