

# DIVISION OF NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES EXCELLENCE FELLOWSHIP: TRANSFORMING DNS STUDENTS

The Division of Nutritional Sciences (DNS) is a top-ranked interdisciplinary graduate training program. The mission of the division is to provide an exceptional interdisciplinary nutrition graduate program through innovation, education, and discovery. DNS is focused exclusively on graduate-level education and training opportunities, striving to prepare future leaders in nutrition, equipped to address complex interdisciplinary problems utilizing traditional and novel biological and sociological approaches.

Outstanding graduate students are the foundation of the vibrant and highly collaborative interdisciplinary research and training environment found in the Division of Nutritional Sciences. In order to continue to maintain this foundation, DNS must be prepared to actively recruit exceptional applicants into the program. Fellowships are crucial to recruiting the next generation of leading interdisciplinary nutritional scientists.



## **OPPORTUNITY:**

DNS utilizes a unique matching system for admissions, in which applicants must match with a faculty member before receiving an offer of admission. Essential to this matching process is a guarantee of financial support for the duration of a student's graduate training program. All DNS students receive financial support for their graduate program. Most often, this financial support comes from a fellowship, or a research or teaching assistantship (RA or TA). The Nutritional Sciences Excellence Fellowship Program provides DNS with the flexibility to extend offers of admission to the best and brightest applicants early in the admissions process.

DNS Excellence Fellowships are intended to recognize academic and research excellence and provide the fellow with a stipend and tuition and fees waiver. Fellows are free from the additional work expectations associated with a RA or TA, and can focus exclusively on their unique research project.

## **RESOURCES REQUIRED:**

The DNS Excellence Fellowships program is one of the many ways that DNS is working towards its mission to "Prepare Transformative Leaders in Nutritional Sciences".

In order to provide funding to all Nutritional Sciences students, DNS is focused on the following goals:

- Increase the number of and the amount of each fellowship to attract and retain the top applicants to the University of Illinois Division of Nutritional Sciences Program.
- Gifts of all sizes are needed to support the DNS Excellence Fellowship Fund. When DNS Excellence Fellows receive a minimum \$22,000 stipend, the University of Illinois waives graduate tuition.



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