Innovation Research Assistantship
Academic Year 2011-2012

The Office of the Provost, in coordination with the Research Policy Committee (RPC), is pleased to present the 2011-2012 Innovation Research Assistantships. These highly meritorious assistantships will be awarded to individuals working strictly on research under the supervision of a faculty mentor, and each carries a full-time tuition waiver. Applications will be reviewed by a working group of the RPC. Please return this application and supporting materials to the Coordinator of Domestic Graduate Recruitment, 333 Wells Hall, by **March 22, 2011**. Questions should be directed to the Coordinator at (270) 809-5304.

(Please Print)

General Information

Student Name: _____
(last) (first)

Local Address: _____

Local Phone: _____

Email: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Murray State M-Number: _____

Undergraduate Information

Degree Earned: _____ Date Granted: _____ GPA: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Graduate Information

Degree Currently Being Sought: _____ Major: _____

Anticipated Date of Completion: _____ Advisor: _____

IMPORTANT: Innovation Research Assistantships are supplemental awards available only to individuals who currently hold a graduate assistantship at Murray State University. You must confirm that you have been awarded an assistantship through your program, department, or college with your sponsoring faculty member. Also, you must maintain your assistantship for the 2011-2012 academic year in order to receive the Innovation Research Assistantship.

I HAVE CONFIRMED THAT I HAVE BEEN AWARDED A GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP FOR THE 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

YES _____ NO _____

Other Information

Please include the following materials with this application:

- Curriculum vita, including undergraduate and, where applicable, graduate research accomplishments. Also include results of any national exams taken as required by your department (e.g., GRE, MCAT, LSAT, Major Field Assessment Test, etc.)
- Detailed statement of proposed line of research while engaged in graduate study at Murray State University (2-page maximum)
- Statement of support from the sponsoring faculty member at Murray State University
- Signed Faculty Mentor Instructions and Acknowledgment Form (see below)
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty members at your undergraduate institution
- Written statement from the Graduate Coordinator of department confirming receipt of a graduate assistantship for the 2011-2012 academic year

By signing below, you acknowledge that the Innovative Research Assistantship requires that recipients work up to 20 hours per week under the supervision of a faculty member approved by the RPC.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Mentor Instructions and Acknowledgment

The primary purpose of the Innovation Research Assistantship is to acknowledge and support outstanding graduate students in their research efforts. Awardees are expected to devote the majority of their time and effort during the award period to their specified research programs. By agreeing to mentor an assistantship applicant, you acknowledge that:

- The student has discussed with you a research agenda and has a proposed line of research for the award period.

- The student has confirmed that he/she has received a regular graduate assistantship for the 2011-2012 academic year in the department in which the research will take place **(Please Note: For financial aid purposes, it is crucial that awardees maintain their regular annual departmental assistantship in addition to the Innovation Research Assistantship)**.

- The student should be involved/engaged with their innovative research project for 20 hours per week and have regular attendance in the specific department in which the faculty mentor is housed and the innovation assistantship was awarded. The established 20 hours should be set in conjunction with the recipient and can be specified to take place in a university classroom setting, research laboratory, the library, and/or other campus research setting.

- The student should be given the opportunity to have access to a graduate student office, computer, or other working or research related items within the department.

By signing below, you agree to serve as a faculty mentor by overseeing and supporting the research efforts of this applicant in the event he/she receives an Innovation Research Assistantship.

Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____