

## Policies & Procedures related to Graduate Council Scholars & Wright Fellows

### 1) Nomenclature:

The current policy on Graduate Council Scholarships in Section 2.40 is meant to apply equally to Wright Fellowships. The Wright Fellows program was adopted relatively recently, and the language in the existing Policies Manual has not been updated to reflect this addition. Proposal:

- Change the title of Section 2.40 to “Graduate Council Scholarships and Wright Fellowships”
- Add references to the Wright Fellows program at appropriate points throughout the section (policies 2.40, 2.41, and 2.42) to reflect that both programs are following the same set of rules and procedures.

### 2) Nomination Procedures:

The current nomination procedure is outlined in Section 2.42. The Graduate Student Affairs Committee has proposed adding to that section, as follows (additions are underlined):

*Students are nominated for the Graduate Council Scholars program by a member of the graduate faculty in the program to which they are applying. Nominations must include:*

- *A Nomination Form*
- *A Statement of Purpose from the student, indicating his/her interest in the graduate program to which he/she are applying, his/her interest in the Graduate Council Scholars program, and any future plans (intention for further graduate study, career aspirations, etc.)*
- *A resume or CV from the student*
- *A Statement of Support from the nominating faculty member, indicating why this particular student should be considered for the Graduate Council Scholars program.*

*Nominations are collected by the Graduate School office, which forwards them to the Student Affairs Committee of the Graduate Council for consideration. The Student Affairs Committee selects awardees and alternates and sends these recommendations to the Graduate School. With the concurrence of the Graduate School Dean, the Graduate School sends letters of offer to the awardees.*

*The timeline for this process (including deadlines and decision points) is set annually by the Student Affairs Committee in consultation with the Graduate School. In all cases, decisions will be made to give awardees adequate time to consider the award ahead of the April 15 acceptance deadline stipulated by the Council of Graduate Schools.*

### 3) Minimum Registration:

At present, language governing the minimum registration for Graduate Council Scholars (and Wright Fellows) is buried in Section 4.35 of the Policies Manual, in a section on Credit Hour Limits. Proposal: Delete this section entirely (it really doesn't belong there), and that instead amend Policy 2.40 as follows (additions are underlined):

*The Graduate School annually administers a program of Graduate Council Scholarships and Wright Fellowships. These awards are given to outstanding students who are recruited to begin their graduate studies at Wright State. Students receiving these scholarships are referred to as Graduate Council Scholars or Wright Fellows. Graduate Council Scholars and Wright Fellows receive a full tuition scholarship plus a stipend, in an amount set annually by the Graduate School. They are not expected to perform work other than attend classes and perform related research. Graduate Council Scholars and Wright Fellows are required to maintain a 3.0 cumulative graduate grade point average and to be registered as full time graduate students in order to remain on the scholarship.*