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DATE: November 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Lillian B. Lawler Predoctoral Fellowship Nominations for 2020-2021

Lillian B. Lawler Predoctoral Fellowships are awarded to full-time students pursuing a Ph.D. degree who show potential for an outstanding career in teaching and research. Nominees must be entering their third year or higher in the 2020-2021 academic year. The recipients will be selected on the basis of academic achievement in graduate students, promise of research contributions, and teaching excellence. A stipend of approximately \$24,456.00 will be awarded for the 2020-2021 academic year plus a tuition scholarship for the duration of the fellowship. Lawler Fellows are expected to engage in full-time dissertation research during the period of their fellowship. No additional duties will be permitted or required.

Each eligible department may nominate up to three (3) students, including at most one student who at the point of nomination is in their final year of departmentally guaranteed funding. Each department must submit a rank-ordered list of nominees in memo format. The memo should include a section explaining the department's strategy for selecting nominees as well as a brief explanation of each nominee's ranking. These memos must be emailed to Abby Fite (alf189@pitt.edu) by **4 PM on Monday, January 13**.

If a student has previously held competitive fellowship support from inside and/or outside the University, the ranking memo must address what the student has accomplished with the previous fellowship(s) and why an additional year of fellowship support sound be considered for the nominee given the finite number of fellowships available for all graduate students. Please consider any two-term (or longer) competitive external and internal fellowships. If you are unsure if a student has previously received a fellowship that must be addressed, please do not hesitate to contact Abby Fite (alf189@pitt.edu).

Each application must include:

- a CV (two pages max)
- a research proposal (three double-spaced pages max)
- teaching portfolio, to consist of:
 - a teaching statement addressing the nominee's personal teaching philosophy (two double-spaced pages max)
 - one OMET teaching evaluation, preferably for an independently taught course
 - one syllabus, preferably from an independently taught course
 - list of all teaching assignments since entering the University of Pittsburgh
- three letters of recommendation (one from dissertation advisor, one from a person able to comment on the applicant's teaching experience, and one additional)

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The 2020-2021 awards are expected to be announce by **Friday, February 14.**