George Mason University

Seeking Applications for a Federally-Funded DOCTORAL GRANT

The Ph.D. Program consists of:

- Major in Special Education
- Minor in newly-developed cognate on Special Education Leadership

Participants will be selected to receive **100% tuition*** for a specific 65-credit doctoral program in special education. Applicants must have or be able to commit to the following:

- Have full certification in special education, general education, administration, or related service area
- Completed a minimum three years of successful teaching experiences as fully-certified educator or related service personnel
- Provide documentation of competence in serving students with high-incidence disabilities who are culturally and linguistically diverse (service may be in any setting)
- Commit to continued service in special education as a condition for accepting grant support
- Provide documentation of emerging and/or documented evidence of leadership qualities
- Certify commitment to complete the doctoral program within three (full-time) or four (part-time) years
- Be eligible for immediate admittance to GMU Ph.D. Programs (refer to eligibility requirements on http://gse.gmu.edu/programs/phd/)

Additionally, we desire applications from:

- Individuals with disabilities
- Individuals from culturally diverse and/or traditionally underrepresented groups in doctoral programs
- Individuals who desire full-time* immersion in the scholarly environment of this doctoral program
 - o *Applicants who can complete the doctoral program on a full-time basis are desired. Applicants who can complete the program on a part-time basis are also eligible.
- * In addition to 100% tuition support for a specific 65-credit doctoral program for in-state doctoral students, participants will receive **stipends** to cover program-related expenses. Full-time participants (in- or out-of-state) may receive a package of financial support (tuition and stipends) that may exceed \$20,000 annually. Additionally, all participants may be **eligible for Graduate Research Assistant** positions. In total, financial support may exceed \$30,000 annually.

For more information:

- Review the Doctoral Grant Information Web Site http://kihd.gmu.edu/PhDSpecialEducationLeadershipGrant
- Attend the **Grant Information Session** on Wednesday November 12, 5:30 (GMU Fairfax Campus, Sub I, Room C)
 - o There will be a PhD Information Session @ 7:30 on November 12 in this same room.
 - o There are PhD Information Sessions on other dates. View the PhD web site for those details.
- After reviewing the Doctoral Grant Information Web Site, contact <u>one</u> of the Principal Investigators if you have further questions or desire discussion:
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Doctoral Applications for Cohort 2 (courses begin May or August 2009) due February 1, 2009.