North Carolina State University
Electrical and Computer Engineering Department

Need-Based Financial Aid Grant Information Sheet

Available Grants:
The number of need-based financial aid awards will vary based on fund availability and may be offered for one or two semesters

Benefits:
Stipend amount will vary depending on student’s demonstrated financial need

Eligibility Criteria:
• US Citizen or Permanent Resident
• Currently enrolled in an NCSU ECE Department graduate program
• Must have completed at least one semester in an NCSU ECE Department graduate program and be in Good Academic Standing, with a GPA or 3.0 or higher
• Enrollment in an independent study and/or thesis research or participation in research activities with an NCSU faculty member
• Under-represented groups are encouraged to apply

Required Application Materials:
• Need-Based Financial Aid Grant Application
• one-page Statement of Purpose
  ▪ Must address the student’s experience and interests in the ECE Department at NC State University, including research interests, current research project and supervisor, and career goals
  ▪ Must be newly written and may not be the personal statement included in the student’s graduate school application
• Letter of Recommendation from an NCSU ECE Department faculty member
• 2015-16 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): www.fafsa.ed.gov

Application Submission Process:
• Students may submit the Application form and Statement of Purpose and Faculty may submit the Letter of Recommendation to the ECE Graduate Office by email: ecegradoffice@ncsu.edu or in person: Engineering Building 2, suite 3014
• Submit the 2015-16 FAFSA through the Federal Student Aid website: www.fafsa.ed.gov

Program Timeline:
• Applications will be accepted until June 30, 2015
• The Financial Aid office will be consulted to determine the student’s need amount
• Financial Aid awards will be awarded and recipients will be notified after the selection committee has reviewed all applications
Need-Based Financial Aid Grant Recipient Responsibilities:
The following are required as conditions of this financial aid award, and to continue to be eligible for future Need-Based Financial Aid Grant funding:

- Maintain full-time enrollment as a graduate student in the ECE Department
- Remain in Good Academic Standing, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Students must notify the ECE Graduate Office if their funding situation changes (i.e. the student receives a TA, RA, Fellowship, or other on-campus or off-campus employment). The Financial Aid office will be consulted, and further participation in the financial aid grant program will need to be evaluated.
- Students must notify the ECE Graduate Office if they want to change majors or degree programs. Continued participation in the fellowship will need to be evaluated.
- US citizens who are not NC in-state residents must make a good faith effort to gain in-state residency within their first year of being in North Carolina.
- Enroll in direct deposit through “Student Self Service” via the MyPack Portal in order to receive the financial aid grant stipend. Failure to do so will result in a delay in the payment of the stipend. Information regarding direct deposit enrollment in Student Self Service is available on the Cashier’s Office Direct Deposit webpage.
- Foreign national students must meet with the Foreign National Taxation Office to complete a tax assessment and to sign appropriate tax forms. For more information regarding payroll and taxation of foreign nationals, please see the New Foreign National Employment website.
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Need-Based Financial Aid Grant Application 2015-2016
This financial aid opportunity is limited to NCSU ECE Department graduate students

Name (First, MI, Last): ____________________________ ____________________________
Student ID #: ____________ NCSU Email Address: ________________________________
US Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No US Permanent Resident: ☐ Yes ☐ No NC in-state Resident: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Current Program: ☐ PhD ☐ MS Major: __________________________ Overall GPA: __________
Research Advisor: ____________________________________________________________
Admission Semester/Year: __________ Anticipated Graduation Semester/Year: __________
If you are currently a MS student, do you plan to pursue a doctoral degree at NC State? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, which major: ☐ EE ☐ CPE ☐ Other: __________________________
Do you have any financial support for 2015-16? ☐ TA ☐ RA ☐ Fellowship ☐ Other Campus Employment ☐ Off-Campus Employment
If any boxes were checked, please elaborate here (funding type, semester, award amount):
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Educational History:
☐ MS ☐ MA ☐ Other: ______
College/University: __________________________ State, Country: __________________________
Semester/Year Earned: __________ Major: __________________________
☐ BS ☐ BA ☐ Other: ______
College/University: __________________________ State, Country: __________________________
Semester/Year Earned: __________ Major: __________________________

Have you submitted a 2015-16 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Awards are based on financial need and require that a FAFSA form is filed through the Federal Student Aid Programs website: www.fafsa.ed.gov

To complete your application package, you will also need:
Statement of Purpose
Letter of Recommendation from an NCSU ECE Faculty Member
Name of Faculty Member: __________________________
completed 2015-16 FAFSA
Read the Need-Based Financial Aid Grant Information Sheet for more information on application requirements

Students may submit the Application form and Statement of Purpose and
Faculty may submit the Letter of Recommendation to the ECE Graduate Office
by email: ecegradoffice@ncsu.edu or in person: Engineering Building 2, suite 3014

__________________________________________________________________________
Student Signature Date

Verification of Departmental Support for 2015-16: (For ECE Graduate Office only)
Will the student be receiving Departmental Support? ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ RA Semester: __________ FTE and Monthly Rate: __________________________
☐ TA Semester: __________ FTE and Monthly Rate: __________________________
☐ Fellowship Semester: __________________________ Amount: __________________________
Funding verified by: __________________________ Date: __________________________