



## **The ASU Masters Program Announces Reality-based Enhanced & Applied Learning (REAL) Grant**

### **STUDENT FELLOWSHIP**

ASU Masters Degree Reality-based Enhanced & Applied Learning Grant (REAL) began in the FALL of 2017. This grant includes a student traineeship that is funded by the Federal Department of Education. It is available to African American or economically disadvantaged (low income) students who are currently enrolled in the Graduate Program in Math Education, Nursing, and Science Education.

The major student support objectives of the grant are to:

1. Improve academic success: through provision of mentors and tutorial services as indicated to promote retention
2. Successful student recruitment and progression, of well qualified candidates and supply a more diverse group of math educators, nurses, and science educators to the workforce, and retain students ambitions for those pursuing a graduate degree in the areas of mathematics education, nursing, and science education.

The intentions of the fellowship are to provide financial assistance to students with educationally or economically disadvantaged backgrounds who are in **pursuit of full-time** math education, nursing, and science education studies. Students must be in **good academic standing with a GPA of 3.00**. Students should also indicate a plan such that the fellowship will **increase the student's ability to take more classes**. Students who meet these criteria will be eligible for Math, Nursing, and Science Education Fellowships.

*In consideration of the rigorous nature of the graduate program and availability of classes, fulltime pursuit of graduate studies in nursing, science education and math education may, or may not, comprise a full-time credit hour load during the Summer semester. Each program participant must be a U.S. citizen, (non-citizen national, or foreign national who possesses a visa permitting permanent residence in the United States.)*

All fellowships are awarded to support academic excellence, and relieve financial need so that students can progress through the graduate program **in a timely manner**. The Fellowships Committee reviews all applications and selects the fellowship awardees. Awardees will be notified of their selection by ASU email or via US mail. **This award may affect your financial aid.**

**Should a student be awarded funds for any specific semester and then drop or withdraw from classes, that student's funding will be rescinded/revoked.** See your financial aid advisor prior to accepting these funds. (Financial Aid Telephone #: 229-500-4358)

## APPLICATION FORM

**Directions:** Please read the pages of program requirements and instructions. To apply for a fellowship, the student must complete the application form below along with submitting *a personal letter of need* for the fellowship. The application should be sent to Mrs. Leslie Jones, Masters Reality-based Enhanced & Applied Learning (REAL) Grant Coordinator, ASU West Campus – Bldg. “L” #238, or scan a copy (*with hand written signatures*) to the Coordinator’s email at [Leslie.Jones@asuams.edu](mailto:Leslie.Jones@asuams.edu) .

**Personal letter from applicant:** Masters Reality-based Enhanced & Applied Learning (REAL) Grant Program funds are awarded to facilitate scholastic excellence, relieve financial need, and promote community service and student support for the grant. Please describe how the fellowship will enable you to be successful in completion of your education in the expected time frame.

**DEADLINE:** *The fellowship application deadline: **TBD/semester***

**Name (full name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SSN#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_\_ Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ **U.S. Permanent Resident** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Schedule - Full-time/Part-time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Hours** \_\_\_\_\_

**ASU E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current Academic Status - Full-time/Part-time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Race:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of people in household:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Single Income:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Married/Family Income:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently receiving/or have you applied for the TAP program funding?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Impact of funds on ability to increase course load:**

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**If money awarded, would you adjust work schedule to allow graduation within the designated time frame?**

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## Student Expectations

- Must be Enrolled in the Albany State University Graduate Program
  - Math Education, Nursing, or Science Education
- Must be a **full-time** student at Albany State University –
  - Completing their Program of Study in a timely manner (2 years).
  - Submit a Program Assessment Form each semester
  - Schedule appointment with the Academic Success Coach
    - New Applicants [within 1<sup>st</sup> month]
    - As needed (open)
    - Exiting Applicants
- **No funding support for TAP recipients**
- Nursing Programs
  - Uninterrupted semester schedules – ex: Research to Thesis Defense
  - Grant support for Thesis/Scholarly Project – **2 semesters only**
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0.
- Regularly attend tutorial sessions as needed online and on ASU campus.
- Attend and participate in all required ASUREAL program meetings.
- Must demonstrate professional behavior while interacting with other students, staff, faculty, and administrators.
- **Attend scientific meetings and present their research with the assistance of their faculty mentors at one or more local, regional, or national conferences; including the Graduate Research Symposium's.**
- Must have a curriculum vitae and “Statement of Goals” in the Grant Coordinator’s office.
- Updated application each Fall, along with an updated “statement of goals”

\*\*\*All applicants should carefully review these expectations. **Should a student be awarded funds for any specific semester and then drop or withdraw from classes, that student's funding for those classes will be rescinded.** If unable to meet the above stated expectations, the applicant should not enter or remain in the Albany State University Masters Degree Reality-based Enhanced & Applied Learning (REAL) Grant. \*\*\*

**\*\* Your signature below states that you agree to the terms, expectations and conditions of this fellowship. \*\***

\*\*\*I, \_\_\_\_\_ attest that all the financial information in the above application is true to the best of my knowledge and any false reporting of information will lead to the fellowship being terminated.