The Faculty Development in Georgia program provides graduate assistantships for full-time doctoral study at the University of Georgia. The Institute of Higher Education in cooperation with the Graduate School of the University of Georgia (UGA) coordinates the Faculty Development in Georgia (FDIG) program. Approximately five awards are granted annually and over 350 college faculty members have participated since 1964.

Eligibility

- Faculty members of public, private and technical colleges in Georgia are eligible for the award.
- To be considered for the award, faculty members must be nominated by the president of their respective institutions.
- The applicant must receive a year’s leave of absence from the home institution with the provision that he or she will return for at least one year of teaching after the FDIG leave is completed.
- Nominees must be accepted to, or enrolled in, a doctoral program of study at the University of Georgia to be considered for an FDIG assistantship. Information on the Graduate School’s admissions process may be accessed at grad.uga.edu.

Nomination procedure

- Presidents are asked to identify interested and qualified members of their faculty and to submit letters of nomination to the Institute of Higher Education no later than February 1, 2016.
- Following nomination, potential participants should complete an application for the FDIG award. Access to the online application may be obtained by phone (706-542-0579, reference FDIG) or by email (ihe@uga.edu).

Benefits of the FDIG Program

- Participants engage in an academic year of full-time doctoral study in their selected fields or disciplines.
- Recipients are provided financial assistance of approximately $17,000 per academic year plus a waiver of tuition and selected fees. All students must enroll for 12 hours in both the Fall and Spring semesters. (NOTE: All full-time students are responsible for paying certain mandatory fees each semester.)
- FDIG recipients also enroll in a weekly seminar on teaching and learning offered by the Institute of Higher Education.

To submit letters of nomination or to obtain further information contact:
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