The Leslie C. Robins Dean’s Excellence Awards for Outstanding Doctoral Students
College of Education—AY 2005-2006

Overview
The College of Education, with funding from the Leslie C. Robins Scholarship Fund, will supplement the normal stipends of outstanding new doctoral students so that total nine-month compensation comes to $15,000. This supplement will continue for a total of four years, contingent upon the student making satisfactory academic progress and maintaining full enrollment status. Each doctoral degree granting department will be able to compete for these awards each year. The College will fund five (5) awards each year for the next four years. If funds are available, the College will consider recommendations of additional awards. All students receiving these awards will be eligible for tuition waivers.

Academic Requirements and Criteria for Selection
- An undergraduate GPA of 3.5 or higher and combined (verbal + quantitative) GRE scores of 1100 or higher. Students with higher GRE will receive preference.
- A letter of nomination with supporting rationale from the department attesting to why the student is especially meritorious in terms of established standards in the department and in the field.

Admission Guidelines
Only students applying for admission for the Fall term will be eligible. The names of prospective award recipients, along with evidence of their qualifications, must be provided to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs by April 11. Departments will be notified by April 18 of the Dean’s selection. Letters of offer should be issued by April 29, and students must respond by May 13. Students who respond after that deadline may be admitted and receive support according to Departmental guidelines, but they will not be eligible for the Dean’s Excellence Awards.

Support
The degree granting department must agree to support the student as a GA at a level comparable to that provided other incoming doctoral students for the four-year duration of the award. The College will provide additional funding to bring total nine-month compensation to $15,000. If the department wishes to continue supporting at that level beyond the four-year award period, it must do so with its own resources. Dean’s Excellence Award funds may not be used to supplement summer stipends.

Satisfactory Progress
Departments must provide the College yearly with evidence that the students have achieved appropriate benchmarks that demonstrate satisfactory progress towards degree completion. Failure to meet University deadlines or failure to maintain satisfactory academic standing (GPA of 3.5 or higher) will result in the termination of the Dean’s Excellence Award.

Withdrawal. Should a student withdraw from the doctoral program, his or her award will be terminated. It cannot be transferred to another student.