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1. This year, the committee worked collectively to recommend awards for an exceptional group of graduate students.

2. Dissertation Completion Fellowships (DCF)

a. Three times a year, the CANR Graduate Committee reviews DCF applications from PhD candidates in the college and makes recommendations to Assistant Dean Laura Bix for funding.

b. Each member ranks all applications based on the student's record of achievement, the strength of supporting letters, need, and capacity for completion in the term indicated.

c. Following committee member individual rankings, the committee convenes to develop a composite ranking of all applicants, discusses and deliberates as needed, and then makes a recommendation for funding.

d. In the 2023-24 academic year, the committee received a total of 48 applications and a total of 26 were recommended for DCF funding:

i. Fall 2023: 14 applications, 7 awards

ii. Spring 2024: 20 applications, 11 awards

iii. Summer 2024: 14 applications, 8 awards

3. University Fellowships (University Distinguished Fellowship (UDF) or University Enrichment Fellowships (UEF))

a. Once a year the committee reviews applications of potential CANR PhD students to determine which candidates to nominate for university-wide fellowships.

b. In spring 2024, the CANR Graduate Committee reviewed nine (9) applications for University Fellowships. Five (5) were identified as likely to be competitive at the university level and were forwarded to the Graduate School.

c. The Graduate School selected and offered UDF or UEF Fellowships to three (3) prospective CANR PhD students.

d. Of these 3 offers, 3 students accepted and 0 students declined by the time of this report.