
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

MITHUN GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP Fall 2011

History of the Fellowship

Jacki (S.) Mithum and Susan Duncan set up this fellowship in honor of their mother, Jacqueline Mithun. Susan taught high school for a brief time in a Spanish-speaking territory and then spent the major portion of her teaching career in the District of Columbia. After teaching high school in DC for a number of years she moved into leadership roles with nonprofits that served and advocated for the educational needs of students who find themselves disenfranchised within school systems.

Fall 2010 Fellowship

One \$5,000 graduate fellowship will be awarded for spring, 2011.

Purpose

This fellowship is intended to provide support for graduate students whose career interest focuses on elementary education, and, in particular, on elementary curriculum development for low-income students, disenfranchised students, or children with especially challenging educational needs.

Selection Criteria

All individuals applying or planning to apply for admission to or enrolled in a Graduate School degree program in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in elementary education and whose professional goals, and experiences reflect dedication to opening access to and meeting the needs of disenfranchised students, low income students, and/or children with especially challenging educational needs are eligible to apply for this fellowship. In addition to these baseline eligibility criteria, consideration in the selection process will be given to academic achievement and leadership potential.

Application and Notification Procedures

The application consists of: (1) Cover Page: Include the following information -Name of the award you are applying for; your name, address, phone number, U of MN ID #; email address; the degree program you are in (M.A or Ph.D); name of advisor; major/track; anticipated date of graduation; and advisor's signature; (2) a typed single-spaced statement

(maximum of two pages) summarizing professional goals and experiences related to elementary education, elementary curriculum development for low income students, disenfranchised students and/or children with especially challenging educational needs, and academic achievements that pertain to being an advocate for these individuals.

Applications for this fellowship must be submitted to Kathleen Cramer in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Room 125 Peik Hall, 159 Pillsbury Drive SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455 by April 1, 2011. Transcripts and GRE scores submitted as part of the application for graduate school will be considered in the selection of the recipient. For questions regarding the fellowship or the application process, contact Kathleen Cramer (crame013@umn.edu). Applicants will be notified of selection by May 2, 2011.