The Impact of Private Support

Private support is an investment in Florida State students who are acquiring the analytical and leadership skills needed to face global challenges with both creativity and intellectual rigor.

Contributions support the Honors, Scholars and Fellows House programs, which provide opportunities for high-achieving graduate and undergraduate students to interact and collaborate in a meaningful way.

Small gifts accumulate and enable the Grad School to support student travel and research. Larger gifts can be used as fellowship supplements or semester-long fellowships.

Approximately 3,000 students are supported by graduate assistantships each year.

To attract the best and brightest students to Florida State and to continue to enhance the quality of the graduate educational experience, the University relies on gifts from friends and alumni who share Florida State's vision of excellence.
Postdoctoral appointments provide recent Ph.D. recipients with an opportunity to develop the research skills acquired in their doctoral programs or learn new research techniques.

As many as 3,000 students are supported by assistantships, meaning they must work 10–20 hours each week as teaching or research assistants. As a result, it is difficult for graduate students to engage in study abroad programs because they are unable to leave the main campus for a semester. To solve this problem, the Graduate School recently instituted the International Dissertation Research Fellowship.

The International Dissertation Research Fellowship Program provides students the freedom to conduct research abroad. Students who received the International Dissertation Research Fellowship have been able to pursue their research in a wide range of locales including Uganda, China, the Netherlands, Canada and South America.

Florida State University is a Carnegie Doctoral/Research Extensive institution that emphasizes the importance of faculty and graduate student research.

Founded in 1980, The Center for Intensive English Studies has strengthened the English language skills of thousands of students. Through a series of credit-bearing courses, CIES helps international students and teaching assistants develop spoken English, presentation skills and cultural knowledge.

Working closely with outstanding research faculty, administrators and the Career Center, the Graduate School offers a wide range of workshops through the Professional Development Workshop Series that are designed to help students achieve their educational and career goals.

The Program for Instructional Excellence serves as a resource for graduate student teaching assistants and departments.

This past year, Florida State reached a new high in the number of doctoral degrees awarded—a result of the Graduate School’s effort to focus on recruitment and retention of doctoral students.

The Florida State University Graduate School offers several fellowships at the University level, including the new Legacy Fellowship.

During summer 2014, Florida State’s Frederick L. Jenks Center for Intensive English Studies hosted a group of 19 Brazilian high school English teachers who came to the United States to improve their English fluency and the quality of their English language teaching.