

CIRES GRA Program
Instructions for Faculty Sponsors, 2009

Deadline: 15 February 2009

I. General Information.

CIRES will provide GRA support with standard stipends and tuition waiver to a small number of CIRES graduate students on a competitive basis. Students must be nominated by a CIRES faculty sponsor (limit 1 student per sponsor). Applications can be made for a 50% appointment in a single semester or two semesters, (or summer at 50%), or for an entire year as indicated in the grid shown below (section IV). Students who already received a CIRES GRA or currently have adequate research support should not apply. All successful recipients must be students in good standing with the CU Graduate School and be eligible for either the Resident or Employee tuition rates.

II. Application Information Requested from the Student.

Students should provide, through the faculty sponsor, the following information: name of student, name of faculty sponsor, departmental affiliation, degree sought (this program supports only Ph.D. students), date of first enrollment in the CU graduate program, and research topic (actual, or, if not yet determined, probable). In addition, the student should compose a personal statement (1 page) including the following information: career goals; experience and career motivation; research plan; probable significance of research; and recognition, honors, or special skills. A standard CV and publications (if relevant) should be attached to the statement. Also, attach a CU graduate transcript (for students beyond the first year).

III. Application Information Requested from the Faculty Sponsor.

Please provide the committee with a confidential 1-paragraph evaluation of the student, including how the candidate's research would be a good investment of CIRES funds. Place into an envelope and seal, and sign the reverse for inclusion with the candidate's application.

Faculty may use a CIRES GRA to attract a prospective or current graduate student who may in the future be supervised by a CIRES faculty sponsor. In that case, the faculty member

should provide relevant information on the student that is available, and write a letter explaining the reason for offering the GRA. The student must be named; the committee will not make open-ended awards for admission of new students.

IV. Proposed Support.

Please check the boxes below that apply to the application. The committee typically approves one or two multi-semester awards and several 1-semester or summer awards. Do not request research support for periods during which research support is already available.

Please check semesters for which you are requesting support (stipend plus tuition):

	Summer 2009		Fall 2009		Spring 2010
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Status:

	Pre-comp	If pre-comp, what is expected date to complete exams? _____		Post-comp
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V. Submission.

Submit the completed application to Suzanne van Drunick, Assistant Director for Science, CIRES: 216 UCB, CIRES Room 356, 303-492-1227.

Email: suzanne.vandrunick@colorado.edu

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