

Farmers National Fellowship

The purpose of this fellowship is to enhance the educational experience of our graduate students, giving attention to teaching as well as other competencies.

The teaching fellowship will provide a \$2,000 award to either a M.S. or a Ph.D. student. Guidelines for the Farmers National Fellowship:

- Farmers National Fellowship candidates shall be pursuing one of the following majors / areas / specializations:
 - Master of Business Administration with specialization in Agribusiness,
 - Agricultural Economics in the Department of Agricultural Economics.
 - Agronomy

Note: Preference shall be given to candidates who have expressed a desire to pursue a career in the area of farm management following graduation. Only students with documented previous teaching excellence or those with generally high scholastic merit and documented teaching interest should be nominated. Preference will be given to Ph.D. graduate assistants, although exceptional M.S. students will be considered.
- Students currently **on either research or teaching assistantships are eligible (minimum 0.33 FTE)**. The fellowship does not require that a student be on a teaching assistantship.
- A student is limited to one CASNR Fellowship (Milton E. Mohr/Farmers National) per degree (e.g. 1/MS and 1/PhD).
- Students must be **nominated** by their advisor or Unit Graduate Committee Chair.
- Unit administrators must **rank the nominees on the form if 2 or more students are nominated (with no more than a total of 4 nominations** for the CASNR Fellowships), approved by both the Chair of the Unit Graduate Committee and the Unit Administrator. Rankings will be considered as informational to the selection committee. All nominees from a unit will be considered by the selection committee, independent of unit ranking.
- The \$2,000 stipends will be distributed on an academic-year basis and are to be an **additional stipend over and above the regular assistantship** rate for the student's academic unit. This is not to be used in lieu of other dollars which the unit would otherwise allocate to the recipient's assistantship.

All nominations must include:

- a 2-page Vitae that includes relevant teaching experience applicable to the award
- an advising or formal transcript of all graduate UNL coursework
- one supporting letter documenting the candidate's previous teaching experience or teaching interest