**Section 1105.600 Awards**

a) The amount of the Fellowship shall be no greater than $10,000.

b) The number of Fellowships awarded in a given fiscal year is contingent upon available funding.

c) If, for any reason, the appropriation to the Board is insufficient to fund Fellowships for all selected Fellows in accordance with subsection (a), all Fellowships shall be reduced pro rata as necessary.

d) The purpose of the Fellowship is to enhance retention of well-qualified faculty by providing a salary supplement. At the discretion of the Fellow, funds may be used for, but are not limited to, professional development, conference expenses, continued education, professional dues, and other activities as defined in Section 1105.700.

e) The Fellow and the nominating institution shall be notified of the award in writing upon approval by the Board.

f) Fellowship funds may not be expended except pursuant to a Grant Agreement. Disbursement of funds without a Grant Agreement is prohibited.

g) Board staff shall verify that the recipient institution is registered with GATA, has completed a prequalification process, and has been determined qualified by GATU (see GATA Rule Section 7000.70).

h) The Board shall enter into a Grant Agreement with a qualified recipient institution using the Uniform Grant Agreement provided by GATU (see GATA Rule Section 7000.370).

i) Upon Board approval and verification of employment by the recipient institution, funds will be disbursed to the recipient institution on behalf of the Fellow.

j) The recipient institution shall:

1) Serve as fiscal agent for the Board and receive the Fellowship funds on behalf of the Fellow;

2) Use the Fellowship funds to supplement the salary of the Fellow. The Funds shall not supplant other revenue sources that support faculty salaries;

3) Pay the Fellow in either a lump sum or installment plan in accordance with institutional payroll policies and procedures; and

4) Not deduct indirect facilities or administrative costs from the Fellowship award.

k) If the Fellow terminates employment with the recipient institution within 6 months after award notification from the Board:

1) The Fellow shall repay the funds awarded to date. These funds shall be remitted to the Board for deposit in the General Revenue Fund.

2) Fellows are not entitled to funds not yet paid by the institution. The recipient institution must remit any unused portion of the Fellowship to the Board for deposit in the General Revenue Fund.

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