The Graduate School will offer the Diana Natalicio Dissertation Research Fellowship for the 2019-2020 academic year to a truly outstanding doctoral degree candidate in her/his final semester. The recipient of this prestigious award must complete all degree requirements in the semester in which the award is made. The fellowship will be in the amount of $10,000. The award will include medical insurance for the awarded semester similar to that provided to eligible Graduate Student Employees.

Submit nomination packet as a single .pdf to gradPD@utep.edu by April 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Eligibility & Application Components:

- The student must be on track to complete her/his dissertation during the semester in which the award is made.
- Recipients of the Natalicio Fellowship may not hold other appointments (e.g., TA, RA) during the semester in which the award is made.
- Only one (1) nomination per doctoral program will be considered. The graduate program committee must take the necessary steps to nominate an outstanding candidate who is able to comply with the terms of this fellowship. The Graduate Program Director submits the nomination packet (one single .pdf emailed to gradPD@utep.edu) on behalf of the nominating doctoral program. All nomination packets must be completed and received by the above deadline.
- A faculty panel reviews all the nomination packets and selects the final recipient of this prestigious award. The award will be announced by the end of the Spring Semester. The Graduate School will work with the recipient to facilitate disbursement of the award.

Nomination packet:

- Completed and signed coversheet (see page 2);
- Dissertation proposal summary not to exceed four pages, 12 point Arial or Times New Roman, with 1.5 line spacing. The proposal summary must be addressed to a lay audience and include the following sections labeled as indicated below:
  - Personal Statement: statement of how the fellowship will facilitate the completion of the doctoral degree by December 2019 or May 2020;
  - Research Description: statements on the nature of the research topic, intellectual contributions, and significance of the work; and
  - Professional Goals: brief discussion of professional goals for the next five years, including employment opportunities currently under consideration.
  - Detailed timeline to dissertation completion;
- Letter of support from the Dissertation Chair. The letter must address a firm commitment by the faculty to mentor the applicant to completion in the following fall or spring semester;
- Brief letter of verification from the doctoral program director, attesting that the applicant is on track to graduate as scheduled;
- Current CV; and
- Unofficial transcript.
Carefully review page 1 before completing your packet. Put this completed sheet (page 2) as the first page of your completed nomination packet, assembled in this order:

- Coversheet
- Dissertation Proposal Summary
- Letter of Support
- Letter of Verification
- CV
- Transcript

Student Name: ____________________________

Doctoral Program: ____________________________

800#: ______________________________________

Student Email: ______________________________________

Student Phone: ______________________________________

Student Mailing Address: ______________________________________

Total Doctoral Hours Accumulated to Date: ____________________________

Doctoral Program GPA: ____________________________

Date of Admission to Doctoral Program: ____________________________

Planned Graduation Date: ____________________________

Dissertation Title: ______________________________________

Dissertation Chair: ______________________________________

Dissertation Chair Email: ______________________________________

Doctoral Program Director: ______________________________________

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