Frequently Asked Questions – Graduate Feeder Scholars Program

1. Question: Does a student have to be nominated to become a Feeder Scholar participant?

Answer: No, a student need only complete the Participation Application.

2. Question: When will a student be considered a Feeder Scholar?

Answer: A student has to complete at least four of the Graduate Feeder Development Workshops, and have at least a 3.0 GPA.

3. Question: Must a student have a 3.0 or higher Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) at the time of Participation Application?

Answer: Yes

4. Question: Must a student maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA to remain a participant in Graduate Feeder Scholars Program (GFSP)?

Answer: Yes

5. Question: If a student drops below a 3.0 GPA prior to applying and being accepted at a Feeder Institution, is there any appeal process?

Answer: Yes. Scholar’s matriculation will be monitored each semester. If a scholar drops below a 3.0 GPA he/she will be notified of probationary status and will not be allowed to participate in the program benefits until GPA is brought back within compliance.

6. Question: Does a student have to take the (GRE) or Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) before applying to become a Scholar?

Answer: No, but students must take the GRE and score at least 1000 if they do not have at least a 3.0 GPA. They may also be required to take other specified standardized examinations as required by the Feeder institutions where you are applying (i.e., LSAT, MCAT, DAT, MAT, GMAT or one of the subject tests of the GRE).

7. Question: Does a student have to submit an official transcript when applying to become a Graduate Feeder Scholar?

Answer: No, students can submit an unofficial transcript with their application. However, the unofficial transcript from Rattlerlink FACTS may not be submitted (the Rattlerlink transcript does not have your social security number on it).

8. Question: After graduating from FAMU, what is the time frame that a student must apply to participate in the Graduate Feeder Scholars Program?

Answer: A student may not apply to the Feeder Program after graduating from FAMU since applications are only accepted from currently enrolled students. Alumni who were already members of the program before graduating may still use program resources up to 12 months after graduation.

9. Question: Must the Participation Application be typed?
Answer: Yes, the application must be typed and fully completed. The application is representative of the student and the information given will be disseminated to the Feeder Institutions.

10. Question: When should a student apply to become a Graduate Feeder Scholar?

Answer: Students should apply after they have completed at least 30 semester hours and have at least a 3.0 GPA.

11. Question: Must a student be a U.S. citizen in order to participate in the GFSP?

Answer: Yes, however, non-citizens may still apply, but may not be guaranteed funding based on the Feeder Institutions' policies.

12. Question: Must a student be a part of the GFSP to participate in the Summer Research Programs at the Feeder institutions?

Answer: Yes

13. Question: How can a student apply for the Summer Research Program at the Feeder Institutions?

Answer: Students are notified of application procedures via email and the FAMUAN.

14. Question: Does a student have to be registered as an active participant in the GFSP to participate in the Visitation Programs offered throughout the year at the Feeder institutions?

Answer: Yes

15. Question: How can a student sign-up for the Visitation Programs?

Answer: A student must be an active participant in the GFSP and come by the School of Graduate Studies and Research office in 400 Tucker Hall to sign up.

16. Question: Once a student receives official notification of acceptance to a Feeder institution, does he/she have to inform the GFSP Director?

Answer: Yes

17. Question: Will a student receive Feeder funds automatically or does he/she have to be recommended by the GFSP Director at FAMU?

Answer: No, the Director of the GFSP will call the contact person at the Feeder institution and negotiate funding for the student. If funds are available, the student will be funded as a Graduate Feeder Scholar. Also all scholars are strongly encouraged to apply for whatever fellowships and/or assistantships offered by the Feeder institution and/or departments. Please remember that there are a limited number of funds available at each institution.

18. Question: Must a student report all acceptances and inform the GFSP Director of where he/she has decided to attend?

Answer: Yes, this helps the GFSP keep track of the scholars and degrees being obtained. It also helps the GFSP identify the schools that have funded FAMU students.
19. **Question:** Is there a representative at the Feeder Institution whom a student should contact regarding admission if he/she has not heard or received any formal notification regarding admittance?

**Answer:** The student should contact the graduate representative in the major he/she is applying.

20. **Question:** If the student receives correspondence from the Feeder Institutions regarding financial assistance, does he/she have to respond?

**Answer:** Yes, a student should respond to all information he/she received from the institutions.

21. **Question:** How often should a student update his/her information in the Feeder Program database?

**Answer:** Every semester or as changes occur on his/her record.

22. **Question:** Can a student apply to become a Scholar as a graduate student?

**Answer:** Yes, through the GFSP, a student can apply to the Feeder Institutions to pursue the doctoral degree after receiving the master’s degree from FAMU.

23. **Question:** Does a student have to meet the application and financial aid deadlines set by the Feeder Institutions?

**Answer:** Yes, a student must meet the Feeder Institutions deadlines for admission as well as the institutions’ deadlines for assistantships/fellowships.

24. **Question:** How many Feeder Institutions can a student apply to for admission?

**Answer:** The GFSP Director encourages all students to apply to at least five institutions.

25. **Question:** Will the application fee be waived at the Feeder Institutions?

**Answer:** Yes, with the exception of some of the law, medical schools, professional schools and some of the business schools.

26. **Question:** How does the GFSP Director waive a student’s application fee?

**Answer:** The application is rubber-stamped in the School of Graduate Studies indicating that you are a FAMU Feeder Scholar and that the application fee should be waived.

27. **Question:** What happens to the application fee if a student applies on-line?

**Answer:** Most of the Feeder Institutions have a space for FAMU students to apply on-line. However if a space is not designated, please contact the GFSP. The GFSP Director will write a letter waiving the application fee and mail/fax it to the respective person.

28. **Question:** If a student receives a master’s degree from one Feeder Institution, can he/she attend another Feeder Institution to pursue the doctoral degree?

**Answer:** Yes, as long as he/she keeps their information up-to-date with the Feeder Program staff.

29. **Question:** What is a typical financial offer from the Feeder Institution?
Answer: The financial offers will vary with each Institution based on availability funding at the time the student is admitted.

30. Question: Where does the funding come from when a student is accepted to a Feeder Institution as a Feeder Scholar?

Answer: All funding comes from the Feeder Institutions.

31. Question: Can a student attend FAMU as a Graduate Feeder Scholar?