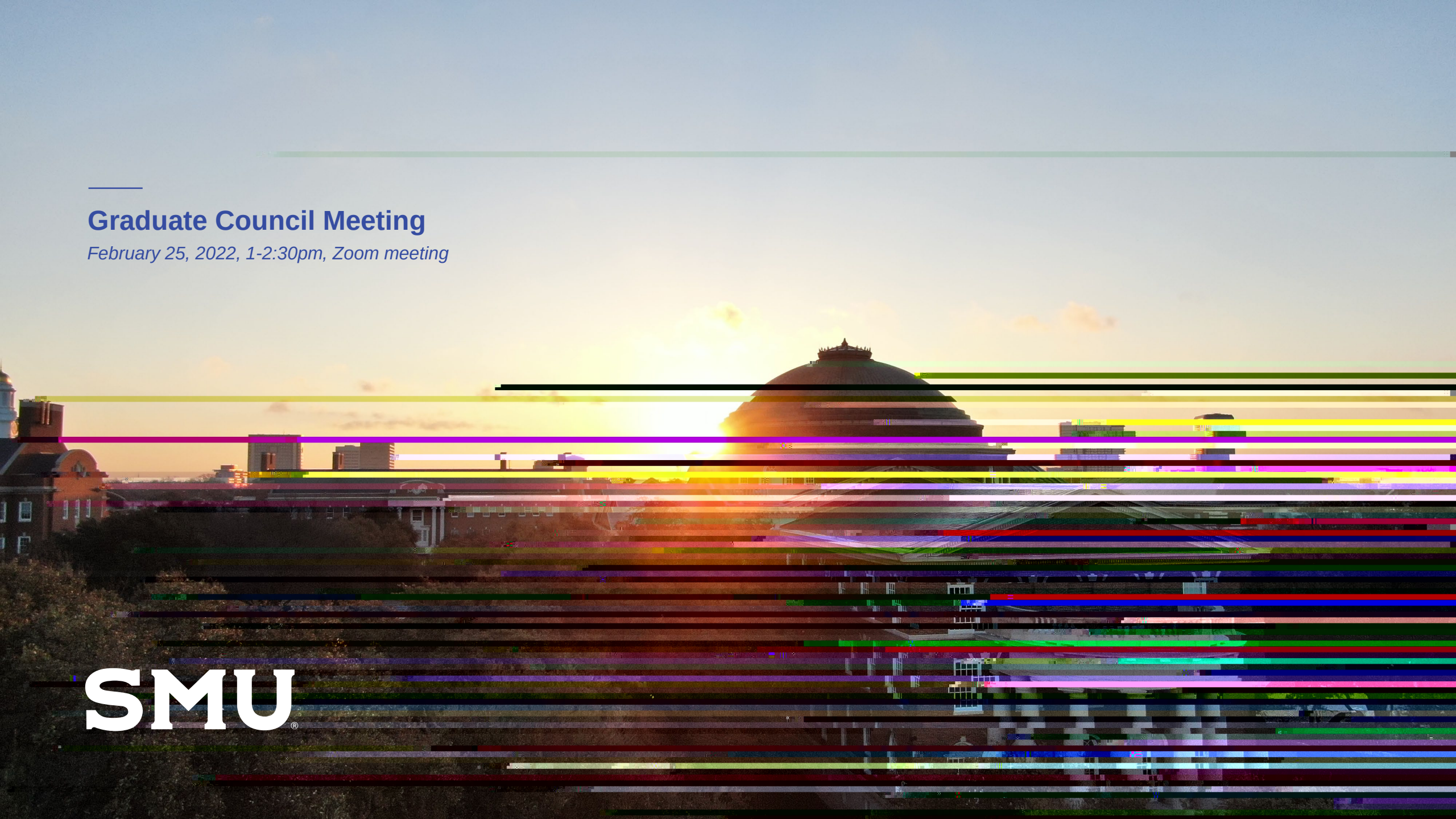
Graduate Council Meeting

February 25, 2022, 1-2:30pm, Zoom meeting



1. Minutes of the November 19, 2021, meeting
2. Fellowship awardee list
3. MFA students in the Moody School
4. Public dissertation defenses
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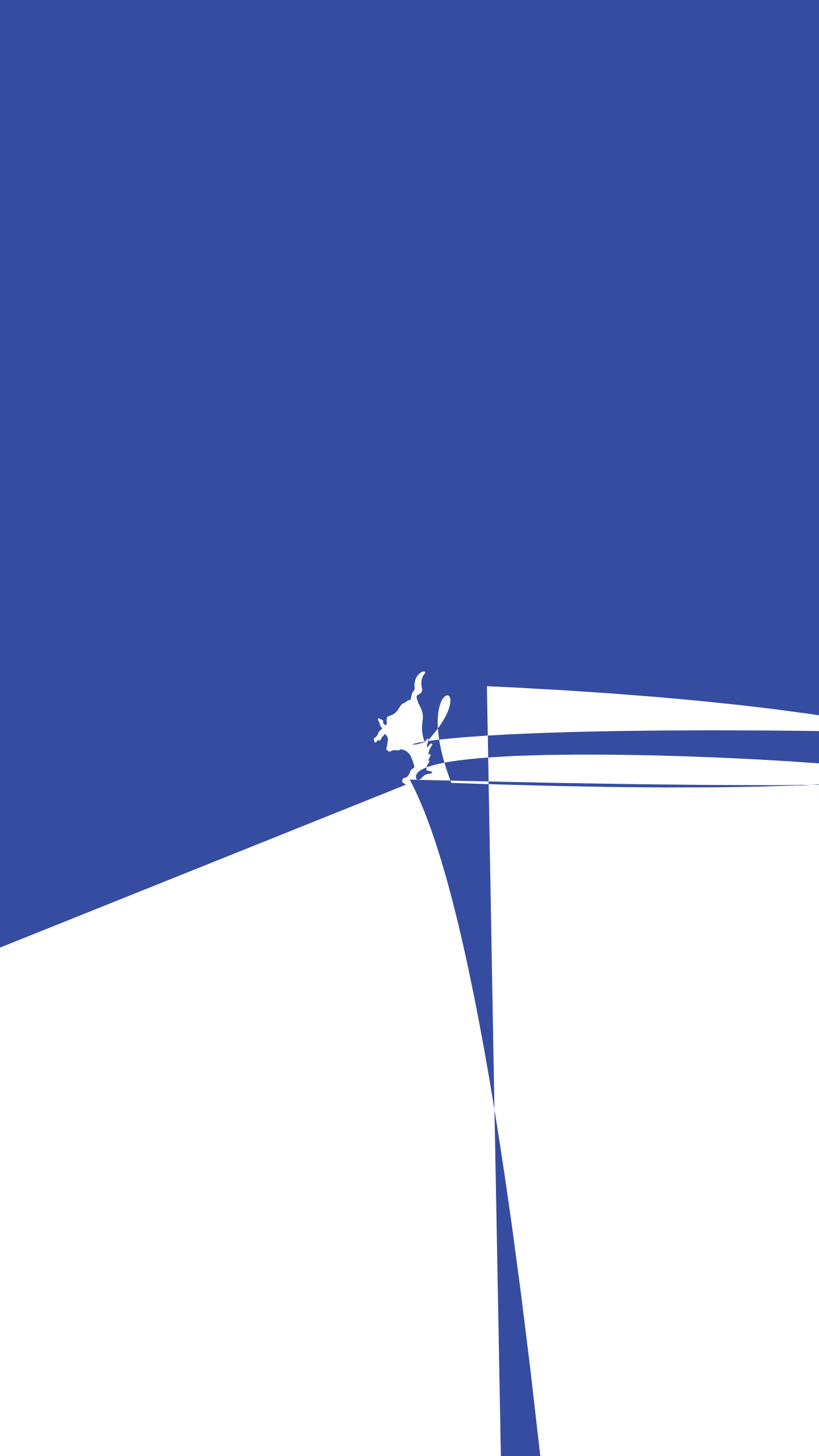

Committee Members:

- Ali Beskok, The Brown Foundation, Inc. Professor of Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Lyle School of Engineering
- Jodi Cooley, Professor, Department of Physics, Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences
- Akihito Kamata, Professor, Department of Education Policy and Leadership, Department of Psychology, Simmons School of Education and Human Development
- Elfi Kraka, Professor and Chair, Department of Chemistry
- Brian Molanphy, Associate Professor of Art, Meadows School of the Arts
- Alexandra E. Pavlakis, Assistant Professor, Department of Education Policy and Leadership, Simmons School of Education and Human Development
- Dinesh Rajan, Professor and Department Chair, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Lyle School of Engineering
- Gretchen Smith, Associate Professor, Associate Dean for Students, and Head of Theatre Studies, Meadows School of the Arts

SMU

- **Moody Graduate Fellowships** are offered to Ph.D. applicants who show exceptional promise for academic success. They provide stipends of $30,000 for up to five years.
- **University Ph.D. Fellowships** are “topping up” awards that provide funding in addition to that offered by the department. They are intended to entice promising applicants to study at SMU by making financial offers competitive with top programs. Awards are renewable for up to a total of five years, contingent upon acceptable progress towards the degree.
- **Mustang Fellowships** provide stipends of $30,000 for up to five years for Ph.D. students who are US citizens or permanent residents and identify as diverse in their disciplines.

Fellowship	Target	Initial Offer	Waitlist
Moody Graduate Fellowship	6*	7*	2
Mustang Fellowship	5	5	1

Moody Fellowship Review

Nominee Last Name	Nominee First Name	Nominee Dept.
Abdi	Nasim	chemistry
Heiland	Ally	Psychology
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]ology	Schlicht	Erik	Anthrop[illegible]
[illegible]cal Enginee[illegible]	Yalcin	Bugra	Mechani[illegible]
[illegible] Sciences	Hernandez	Arlene	Biologica[illegible]
[illegible] Studies	Kranz	Robert	Religious[illegible]
[illegible]cs	Aleman-Correa	Esteban	Economi[illegible]
[illegible] Science	Mao	Xinyue	Statistica[illegible]

Mustang Fellowship Review

Nominee Last Name	Nominee First Name	Nominee Dept.	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]Marquina	Maria	Art History	Carrillo [illegible]
[illegible]	David	Physics	Palmore[illegible]
[illegible]mistry	Antonio Santiz[illegible]	Juliana[illegible]	che[illegible]

University Ph.D. Fellowship Review

Nominee Last Name	Nominee First Name	Nominee Dept
	chemistry Kim	Yujin
	Statistical Science Mao	Xinyue
	Statistical Science/Biost Tavchameekiatchai	Artit
Psychology Anderson		Grace
Statistical Science/Biost Qin		Jiyue
	History Snowden	Sydney
	Economics Aleman-Correa	Esteban
	Electrical and Compute Nguyen	Thach
	Mathematics Schroeder	Vera
	Statistical Science Ding	Rundong
	Psychology Krantz	Savannah
	Simmons Leon	Maricela
	[illegible] [illegible]	Yang
Chiara	Art History	Mannarino
Sean	Physics	Moskaitis
Karol	Economics	Sadek

Public dissertation defense policy vote results:

- 11 “yes” votes
- 1 “no” votes
- 0 abstain
- Comments:
  - (“no” vote) The way this motion is worded, the dissertation committee/Department/ and College's discretion is paramount to the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies oversight. I feel Moody should provide guidance and leadership on this issue and have ultimate approval. As far as the PhD degree is concerned going forward at SMU, the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies is the governing body and any motion should indicate as such IMHO.

Rice University:

Vanderbilt University:

- Sponsored by the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies and the Office of Student Academic Engagement and Success, these awards recognize exemplary contributions to the teaching of SMU undergraduates by graduate student instructors and teaching assistants. Two awards, each including a $1,000 prize, will be made annually.
- Review Committee: Alan Itkin, Adam Jasienski, Sheri Kunovich, Renee McDonald, Volkan Otugen, Tony Petrosino, Karen Thomas
- Ten nominees: Art, Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Electrical & Computer Engineering, English, Physics, Religious Studies, Statistical Science
- Aat4onomV

Other Items