The year 2006-2007 NSF-funded program “Catalysts for Reform: A University-Schools Partnership in Northwest Washington” will select up to 9 GK-12 Fellows. Fellows will conduct graduate research in science at Western Washington University and will partner with middle school science teachers in Whatcom and Skagit counties, Washington. Each Fellow will receive full tuition and a $30,000 stipend for one year of their Masters graduate program in Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science or Geology. The Program begins July 10, 2006 and continues through June 2007. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Please note:

- You must be a US citizen or permanent resident to be eligible to apply.
- If you are selected as a 2006-2007 GK-12 Fellow, you must be able to commit to participating in the full year program by April 1, 2006.
- If you are selected, you must be able to commit to participating in the "Thinking to Learn" Summer Institute July 10-21, 2006.
- Your Graduate School application materials (including transcripts and letters of recommendation) will be reviewed by the GK-12 Selection Committee members as part of the selection process.

Procedures for new applicants to WWU Graduate Program

1. New graduate student applicants will submit their Graduate School application to the Graduate School by the deadline of February 1, 2006. Each application must include all materials needed for acceptance into the Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science or Geology Graduate Programs.

2. In addition to the Graduate School application, the GK-12 application form and supporting materials are submitted under separate cover to: GK-12 Fellows Graduate Program, Graduate School, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9037 by February 15, 2006. Supporting materials include:
   a. A statement of interest describing reasons for wanting to participate in the program (1-2 pages). We especially want to know: 1) your background in education; 2) your ideas about education, particularly K-12; 3) your experience working with diverse populations; and 4) how participation will further your career goals.
   b. One letter of recommendation that specifically addresses how the applicant is suited to the GK-12 Program (letter may be sent under separate cover, or submitted in a sealed envelope with the application).
Procedures for currently enrolled WWU graduate students

The GK-12 application form and supporting materials are submitted to: GK-12 Fellows Graduate Program, Graduate School, WWU (MS9037) by February 15, 2006. Please include the following materials:

a. A statement of interest describing reasons for wanting to participate in the program (1-2 pages). We especially want to know: 1) your background in education; 2) your ideas about education, particularly K-12; 3) your experience working with diverse populations; and 4) how participation will further your career goals.

b. A letter of reference from your thesis advisor, supporting your participation in the GK-12 Program and that specifically addresses how you are suited to the GK-12 Program (letter may be sent under separate cover, or submitted in a sealed envelope with the application).

c. A copy of your WWU transcript

Selection Criteria

The GK-12 Application, the Graduate School application and current WWU transcripts will be viewed by the GK-12 Selection Committee, composed of faculty and teachers. Selection criteria include the quality of the statement of interest in “Catalysts for Reform” GK-12 program, the suitability of the applicant for working with teachers and middle school students, experience and interest in education, the academic strengths and potential to succeed in the Graduate Program, and the letters of reference. The Selection Committee may interview applicants over the phone or in person prior to making selections.
Application Form

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2006

Name: ______________________________________

Street Address: ______________________________________

City, State and Zip Code: ______________________________________

Email address: ______________________________________

Phone number: ______________________________________

Education (college, degree, year of graduation):

_________________________________________________________________

Residency: ___ U.S. Citizen ___ Permanent Resident

Name and contact information (email address) for the reference person submitting the GK-12 letter of reference:

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Check list:
___ I’ve enclosed my letter of interest
___ Sealed letter of recommendation
___ WWU graduate students: current transcript

How did you find out about Western’s GK-12 Program?
___ Our Website
___ Colleague/classmate
___ Advisor
___ Other faculty
___ K-12 teacher
___ Other (please specify)

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Return this form and supporting materials to: GK-12 Fellows Program, Graduate School, 516 High Street, Western Washington University, Bellingham WA 98225-9037