APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The year 2004-2005 NSF-funded program “Catalysts for Reform: A University-Schools Partnership in Northwest Washington” will select 8 GK-12 Fellows. Fellows will conduct graduate research in science at Western Washington University and will work in middle school classrooms in Whatcom and Skagit counties, Washington. Each Fellow will receive full tuition and a $27,500 stipend for one year of their Masters graduate program in Biology, Chemistry, or Geology. The Program begins mid-July 2004 and continues through June 2005. Eight GK-12 Fellows will be selected in 2005-2006 and again in 2006-2007. 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 2004-2005 GK-12 Fellow, you must be able to commit to participating in the full year program by April 15, 2004.
- 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, 2004. Each application must include all materials needed for acceptance into the Biology, Chemistry, or Geology Graduate Programs.

2. In addition to the Graduate School application, the GK-12 application form and supporting materials are submitted together or under separate cover to: GK-12 Fellows Graduate Program, Graduate School, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9037 by February 15, 2004. 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 you are 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 Graduate Fellows Program, Graduate School, WWU (MS 9037) by February 15, 2004. 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.

WWU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, committed to assembling a diverse, broadly trained faculty and staff. Women, minorities, persons with disabilities, Vietnam-era veterans and disabled veterans are encouraged to apply. For disability accommodation, call the Employee Services Manager at (360) 650-3771 (V), or (360) 650-7696 (TTY). All new employees must complete the Measles Immunization Report Form and show employment eligibility verification as required by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service before beginning work at WWU.

WWU is committed to fostering a safe learning and working environment. Our Annual Campus Security Report can be viewed at [www.wwu.edu/depts/vpsa/asr.htm](http://www.wwu.edu/depts/vpsa/asr.htm) and includes information on campus crime and WWU safety policies and procedures. For a paper copy call Human Resources at (360) 650-3774, TTY (360) 650-7696. For alternate formats call (360) 650-3839.
APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2004

Name: ______________________________________

Address: ______________________________________

Email address: _________________________________

Education (college, degree, year of graduation): __________________________________

Residency: ___ U.S. Citizen ___ Permanent Resident

Name and contact information (email address) for the 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