

April 14, 2016

Mr. Nicholas D. Roy
1418 Plymouth Lane
Tuscaloosa, AL 35406

Dear Mr. Roy:

It is a pleasure to inform you that you have been selected to be a 2016-2017 National Alumni Association Graduate Fellow. **Please write me to let me know if you accept this fellowship by May 4, 2016.**

Please respond via e-mail to dfrancko@ua.edu or knodine@ua.edu or send regular mail to the Graduate School, The University of Alabama, Box 870118, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0118.

This one-year Fellowship includes a \$15,000 stipend, a scholarship to cover in-state tuition, plus a stipend add-on that can be used to purchase a student health insurance policy. Thus, the total value of this award is over \$26,000, not including any changes in 2016-17 tuition. The funds for your award come from the National Alumni Association's Collegiate License Tag Endowed Graduate Education Fund.


If future IRS guidance explicitly permits, the University will pay for you the single coverage premium for the university-sponsored student health insurance plan. Otherwise, the University will provide a one-time increase to your stipend, less applicable taxes, for the fall and spring semesters equal to the value of the single coverage premium for the student health insurance plan for the period August 1, 2016 through July 30, 2017. It is your choice whether you use those additional funds to purchase health insurance, but the Affordable Care Act (ACA) now requires all individuals and their dependents who do not qualify for an exemption to have health insurance coverage or potentially to pay a noncompliance penalty on their federal tax return.

This Fellowship is awarded based on your academic and professional record and your potential to make an outstanding contribution during your career. We believe you will make a significant difference in the quality of life of the people of the State of Alabama.

While no service to the University is required under the terms of this appointment, we expect that you will make satisfactory progress toward your degree objective and remain in academic good standing (3.0 or better overall GPA) while taking a normal load of 12-15 graduate hours on-campus each semester of the fellowship.

If, however, your department elects to offer a graduate assistantship in addition to your fellowship, you may take fewer graduate hours in line with the FTE of the assistantship, but no less than 9 graduate hours each term. This award will be disbursed in nine monthly installments from August through April.

Sincerely,



David Francko
Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

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Dr. Ian Brown ✓
Mr. John Chambers
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