2020 Summer Funding for Doctoral Students related to Reimagining Doctoral Education (RiDE) Implementation

April 2020

Departments may propose Summer 2020 doctoral RAships to undertake significant research/analysis that will facilitate departmental engagement with RiDE recommendations. This work might include:

- Exploring options for curricular updates (based on what’s going on elsewhere around the country, as well as reports on doctoral education generated by relevant scholarly societies and foundation studies – e.g. National Academic of Sciences report on STEM graduate education; Mellon report on Humanities doctoral education)
- Identifying examples of departmental articulations of basic expectations around advising in the relevant discipline
- Investigating models of peer mentoring
- Developing possible templates for Intellectual Development Plans
- Identifying approaches to support experiential learning possibilities (such as internships, pedagogical engagement with access-oriented tertiary education institutions in the area, etc.)
- Conducting surveys and/or focus groups with alumni, faculty, and doctoral students

Departments or programs should submit a brief description of anticipated research projects and how those projects relate to their goals for improving PhD education to Amy Feistel (amy.feistel@duke.edu) by April 22th. The description should identify the faculty member who will oversee the RAship – either the chair, DGS, or a faculty member who has been charged with overseeing a fresh look at the doctoral program. The expectation is that students will receive full summer funding for a 12 week RAship. In addition, the department must identify the doctoral student (without summer funding) who will receive the RAship.

We hope to be able to fund several of these positions. Selection of proposals will be overseen by the Vice Provost for Interdisciplinary Studies and the RiDE Implementation Committee.