College of Engineering Priorities (effective January 2013)

I. The following are the College’s highest priorities for recommending GFA requests, in order of decreasing priority:

   1. Nationally (advertised) competitive fellowships (government, foundations, industry or other sponsors); Major prestigious multidisciplinary research grants that require cost sharing or for which cost sharing would be highly advantageous in making the proposal more competitive (e.g., NSF-funded programs such as IGERT, ERC, STC, MRSEC; proposals for major multidisciplinary centers, including MURI awards and NSF I/UCRCs);

   2. Endowed fellowships when a significant proportion of the stipend will be paid by the endowment and the endowment is specifically intended for student fellowships;

   3. Other competitive grants that do not allow tuition in the grant budget or that require the university to provide tuition (e.g. ODOT) or significant cost sharing;

   4. Nationally competitive awards from agencies that expect cost sharing in proposals, even if cost sharing is not explicitly required. Such awards should fund graduate students engaged in research with a primary focus on Ph.D. students.

   5. Government and industry supported centers, i.e. when organization membership fees are used to pay for graduate student stipends.

II. Types of requests the College will not support include (but are not limited to):

   1. International students who have fellowships from their home countries that do not cover tuition and fees.

   2. Bridging situations in which a grant has run out before another one starts up or before a student has completed her or his research.