The College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources (CAFSNR) is pleased to announce the availability of the Frank Bain Dissertation Fellowship. This award recognizes an outstanding Ph.D. student whose major professor is a faculty member in a department or school in the College, and who is close to completion of his/her research activities (anticipated completion should be on or before Summer 2015).

**Amount:** $20,000 will be made available as monthly stipends in the amount of $1,666 beginning in Fall 2014 and continuing for 12 months.

**Criteria:** It is understood that the recipient of this fellowship will:

1. Be properly enrolled as a Ph.D. student whose major professor is a faculty member in a CAFSNR department or school.
2. Have passed his/her candidacy examination (prelims).
3. Currently be receiving an assistantship funded through a grant(s) or state fund(s) that is administered through a CAFSNR department or school.
4. Be close to completion of his/her research activities (anticipated completion should be Summer 2015).
5. Utilize the fellowship to expedite degree completion and/or publication of dissertation results. (No supplementary assistantships or employment responsibilities are allowed.)

**Materials Required:**

1. Current transcript
2. Vita including publications and professional activities
3. Copy of Report of Preliminary Examination
4. Three letters of reference from the department or school head/chair/director, adviser and one source outside of NDSU.
5. Description of the research that consists of no more than 5 double-spaced pages, font no smaller than 10.
   5a. Include a timeline in the proposal indicating likelihood of completion of dissertation within 12 months.
   5b. Include a cover page for the proposal that states the student’s name, GPA, and highest degree held, as well as adviser’s name, office address, phone number and e-mail address.
6. Include a letter from the department or school head/chair/director explaining how dollars from the applicant’s current stipend will be utilized to recruit a new graduate student.

**Selection:** The Dean of the CAFSNR and the Dean of the Graduate School will form an ad hoc committee to evaluate the applications.

**Deadline:** Applications should be submitted to Patti Sebesta (316 Morrill) by Friday, February 28, 2014.