Educational Psychology (EPSY): Doctoral Student Tuition Fellowship (DSTF) Criteria

To be considered eligible for a DSTF:

1. Students must be enrolled full-time in one of the department’s Ph.D. programs during the period of the fellowship

2. Students must be devoting full time effort to a PhD (or in approved cases, a terminal degree program) degree program (at least 9 hrs fall/spring or 6 hrs summer) for a PhD

   Related Priority Guidelines:
   - higher priority given to students in a PhD program
   - higher priority given to students in first/second year of their program
   - lowest priority given to students in an MEd program

3. Students must show adequate progress in their pursuit of a PhD. (or approved terminal degree) based on results of the annual review conducted by program faculty in the spring (does not apply to incoming students)

   Related Priority Guidelines:
   - Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better in their degree program
   - Students must show satisfactory progress in degree program as defined by college, department, or program

4. Students must commit to a graduate assistantship or other similar position that requires 20hrs/wk of effort

   Related Priority Guidelines:
   - In most circumstances, students must complete a 20hrs/wk GA or similar position during semesters they get a DSTF
   - For the exceptional situation in which all available/potential GA positions have been filled, fellowships may be awarded to students who do not hold a GA position but who demonstrate financial need
Related Priority Guidelines:

- highest priority given to those who have a GA or similar position supported by funding sources external to UH (e.g., federal/state/local agencies, hospitals, foundations)
- higher priority given to students who accept a GA position supported/assigned by the EPSY department
- higher priority given to those with skills/abilities needed for specific GA positions
- lower priority given to those who have failed to demonstrate satisfactory performance in previous GA assignments

5. In addition to criteria above, students are ineligible to be awarded a DSTF under certain conditions that include the following.

- They are employed (on or off campus) for more than a total of 20hrs/week. Violation of this provision will result in withdrawal of funding during the semester in which the violation occurs. Any funds already distributed must be repaid.

- They have previously fulfilled their maximum semesters of eligibility which are:
  - No more than four academic years (8 long semesters) for those who enter with master’s
  - No more than six academic years (12 long semesters) for those who enter without a master’s

- They are subject to academic/ethical penalties imposed by UH or a relevant professional organization

- They are completing an internship or practicum that requires more than 20hrs/wk