



The McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement is seeking
Graduate Assistants for the

McLean Institute Innovation Fellows

These competitive Graduate Assistantships of \$20,000 per year for up to two years are open to UM graduate students at the Masters and Doctoral level with at least two years remaining in their academic program. Assistantships will cover in-state tuition, health insurance, and an \$11,000 stipend. Each year, 4 fellowships will be awarded to graduate students working with the McLean Institute's [Catalyzing Entrepreneurship and Economic Development \(CEED\) initiative](#) to work on innovative ideas for addressing poverty-related problems in Mississippi. CEED will empower UM students and faculty to build actionable partnerships with Mississippi communities. These partnerships will increase entrepreneurship and promote economic development.

Graduate fellows will serve for two years as graduate assistants affiliated with the McLean Institute. The two-year period for each project will be used to assist undergraduate McLean Scholars research a problem identified by the local community and to develop, pilot, and evaluate a sustainable and scalable solution. Graduate fellows will work closely with Dr. Albert Nylander, director of the McLean Institute and Professor of Sociology. Graduate fellows will also meet regularly with the McLean Institute's undergraduate Innovation Scholars working on similar projects or in the same community.

Each year, graduate assistants will partner with a community based organization. For the 2014-2015 cohort, graduate assistants will work in the following counties: Calhoun, Coahoma, Lee, and Tallahatchie. Graduate students will be required to work an average of 20 hours per week on their project(s). Additional support will be provided to fund travel, summer field work or internships in their affiliated communities.

To apply, eligible students must submit the following to nylander@olemiss.edu:

- A resume highlighting community service experience and relevant research or coursework.
- A two page statement of purpose highlighting the student's interest in community and economic development. Applicants should indicate which of the four partner communities most interest them and why.
- A copy of unofficial transcripts from all undergraduate institutions attended.
- Two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation may be emailed separately by the recommender.

Applicants must have already applied and been accepted to a graduate program at the University of Mississippi. Review of applications will begin on July 18, 2014, with additional applications accepted on a rolling basis. Finalists may be interviewed.

The McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement creates pathways through which the University of Mississippi cultivates mutually beneficial partnerships that enhance the quality of life for all Mississippians and instill a commitment to community and civic engagement in all members of the University community.

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