The Graduate School is pleased to announce its call for nominations for the 2015-2016 Bertha Morton Fellowships and Scholarships. Besides cash value, the awards honor the department as well as the students.

Once again, the Bertha Morton Scholarship application will be an electronic process. Kelly Speer, the Graduate School’s technology coordinator, will be available to faculty and graduate students if there are any questions or if anyone needs assistance.
You can contact Kelly at 406-243-2701 or by e-mail at kelly.speer@umontana.edu.

All graduate students are invited to apply for consideration as a Bertha Morton nominee.

Following are the instructions for students who are interested in applying to their department as a Bertha Morton nominee:

1. Complete the web based application available at:
   a. Upload a personal statement describing why you would be the best candidate to receive an award. (500 word limit)
   b. Upload a statement of honors and awards, certifications, research, etc. (List these qualifications in order of significance, starting with the most significant).
2. This application must be completed by Friday, February 6th 2015 at midnight.

The program faculty and the Graduate School will then complete the following steps:

1. Faculty in the departments and schools will review the submitted applications and choose which applicant(s) to nominate based on the number allowed by the Graduate School which is based on enrollment numbers. The department will then submit a letter of nomination for their selected applicants.

2. The Graduate School will electronically present the student’s application, departmental letter of nomination/recommendation and an unofficial UM transcript (the Graduate School will provide the transcript) to Graduate Council.
Following are the rules for the Bertha Morton Scholarship/Fellowship awards process:

1. Nominations will be accepted from departments and schools until **4:30 PM on Friday, March 6th 2015**.
   a. To be eligible for nomination, the student must have been admitted to a graduate program by this date, and the student must be scheduled to enroll during the 2015-2016 academic year to receive an award.

2. The Graduate Council will evaluate and rank all nominations for scholarship or fellowship awards. Nomination documentation and recommendations should be based on the student’s academic record and accomplishments in one or more of the following areas:
   a. Honors and awards
   b. Professional certifications and credentials
   c. Evidence of research and other academic achievements
   d. Evidence of professional and community achievements
   e. Additional achievements and creative activities

3. A student who previously received a Bertha Morton award and seeks an additional nomination can only claim accomplishments not specified on the awarded application.

Bertha Morton was a Helena, Montana native who worked most of her adult life for the Internal Revenue Service in Helena. She was not an alumnus of The University of Montana, nor did she actually attend any university. She worked hard and saved her money. When she died in 1977, she left a large part of her estate to the UM Foundation because she desired to encourage and help serious students obtain an education here. Bertha Morton fellowships and scholarships have subsequently become our most prestigious awards for graduate students.

Thank you.