January 21, 2021

<STUDENT NAME>

<ADDRESS>

<EMAIL>

Dear <STUDENT>:

We are pleased to inform you that you have been awarded a <NAME OF FELLOWSHIP> in the amount of <$ >. Fellowships are paid out in two equal payments; one payment is made at the beginning of each term in the fall and spring. Fellowship payments will be itemized in your student account in MyRED and applied towards any balance. If the fellowship is greater than the balance owed, you will receive a refund via direct deposit. Instructions to sign up for direct deposit can be found at <https://studentaccounts.unl.edu/payment-credits-refunds#direct-deposit>.

There is no work or service requirement associated with the fellowship payment. Graduate students receiving stipend fellowships must be full-time students, either registered for a minimum of nine credit-hours or granted full-time status each semester during the period in which they receive the fellowship. Failure to meet the registration requirements may result in forfeiture of the fellowship.

If, during the course of the semester, you withdraw from all courses, the fellowship will be forfeited. A registration hold will be placed on your student account and you will be responsible for returning all fellowship payments to the University.

The provisions of the tax law require students who are degree candidates to report fellowship awards as taxable income to the extent such awards exceed “course-related expenses.” The IRS does not require institutions to withhold tax with respect to fellowship payments nor does it require institutions to report those payments, except in the case of certain nonresident aliens.

You may accept a graduate assistantship or other part-time student employment on campus during the time you hold this fellowship. However, total employment may not exceed 19.6 hours per week during the academic year to include all positions and appointments internal and external to the university. We hope this fellowship award will provide helpful support as you complete your degree.

**[If department or college fellowship include following paragraph]**

Our department fellowships are made possible by the generosity of individual donors. A personal letter of thanks from you is an excellent way to show your appreciation and it encourages the donors to continue investing in students’ education. Please write and sign a letter thanking the Fellowship Committee. You should mention the name of the fellowships (as stated in the first line of this letter) in the body of the letter and describe how this award will help you this upcoming year. Please do not use notebook paper for this. Send your letter to <DEPT CONTACT> at the address below, or send a scanned copy including your signature. In addition, we like to provide our donors with a special certificate that includes your name and photograph. Please email a current head and shoulder photo (color, JPG) to <DEPT CONTACT> at <DEPT EMAIL>.

Please sign your name below to indicate your intent to accept or decline this offer by <DATE>. If you have any questions regarding this award, please contact <DEPT CONTACT>.

Sincerely,

<NAME>

<DEPARTMENT CHAIR>

­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­

­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­□ I ***accept*** the fellowship offer as stated above and agree to abide by the terms and conditions outlined above.

□ I ***decline*** the fellowship offer as stated above.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name NU ID

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature Date