DATE: December 11, 2013

TO: Deans, Directors and Department Heads

FROM: Andrew Carnie, Dean of the Graduate College

SUBJECT: Marshall Foundation Dissertation Fellowship

The Graduate College is pleased to announce that seven graduate students will be receiving the prestigious Marshall Foundation Dissertation-Fellowship for final-phase dissertation support. In addition to a $10,788 stipend beginning in Spring 2014 from the Louise F. Marshall Foundation, each student will receive a tuition scholarship for two semesters from the UA Graduate College.

This year’s recipients are:

Elsa Baena  Psychology
Dissertation Title: “Functional Compensation in Response to Increasing Task Difficulty: Comparing Semantic and Episodic Memory Tasks in Young and Older Adults”

Blake Coughenour  Optical Sciences
Dissertation Title: “Photovoltaic Concentrator Optical System Design - Solar Energy Engineering from Physics to Field”

Randall W. Haas  Anthropology
Dissertation Title: “Human Population Aggregation and Urbanization: Archaeological Insights toward Cross-Cultural Models”

Keisha Josephs  Linguistics
Dissertation Title: “A Descriptive Grammar of Kalingo.”

Aresta La Russo  American Indian Studies
Dissertation Title: “Second Generation Navajo Relocatees Inheriting Intergenerational Losses Due to P.L. 93-531”

Alison Macalady  Geography & Development
Dissertation Title: “Assessing the potential responses of semi-arid woodlands to climatic variability and change through historical analyses”

Rebecca McQuade  Microbiology; SACBS
Dissertation Title: “Interactions of Clostridium difficile with host innate immune molecules”

All these outstanding students are Ph.D. Candidates, Arizona residents, have a cumulative GPA above 3.5, and are on the final year of their dissertation. Please join us in congratulating them for their accomplishments and for receiving this prestigious award.