Participant and Chaperone Qualifications

Q. Who is eligible to participate in the Graduate School Open House?
A. The Open House is designed for students in their senior year or interested post-baccalaureates. Students should have a GPA of at least a 2.5.

Q: How do I apply?
A: You can access the application online at: www.aamu.edu/gradschool.

Q: What is the deadline to submit the application?
A: Rolling deadline admittance (Rolling deadline means that though there is a set deadline you may be admitted later than that date (except for the Social Work program, which has a no Spring semester admissions policy and a March 1st deadline for the Fall; and the Communicative Sciences & Disorders program, which has an admissions deadline of October 15 for the Spring semester and April 15 for the Fall semester.

Q: When will students be notified of admittance or denial into the program?
A: Within 30 days of receipt of a complete application package

Q: Are faculty members required to chaperone student groups?
A: If a school is sending 4 or more students, we strongly encourage that a representative of the university accompany them.

Q: Will there be time for me to meet with faculty in my specified department?
A: Yes, you will have an opportunity to meet with faculty representatives.

Q: Will there be time for me to interact with current graduate students?
A: Yes. You will be able to participate in a Graduate Student Panel with current Masters and Ph.D. students as well as having an opportunity to meet students during your departmental visitation.

Q: Will there be any free time?
A: There will be very limited free time during your visit. The program is comprehensive and designed to provide you with useful information needed concerning graduate education and your program within one day.

Q: What happens if my plans change and I cannot attend the program?
A: We understand situations happen outside our control. If you have been accepted and your plans change, you need to notify the Office of Graduate Studies immediately. Phone: 256.372.5266.

Travel Logistics

Q: Who is responsible for making travel arrangements?
A: Each student, or university partner, is responsible for making his/her own travel arrangements. The Graduate School does not make travel arrangements.

Q: When should I plan to arrive in Huntsville?
A: You should arrive in Huntsville on Friday evening, February 20, 2015.

Q: How do I get to campus from the Microtel Inn & Suites or airport?
A: An Alabama A&M University charter bus/van will transport participants from the hotel and airport. The shuttle will run every half hour from the hotel, between 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on February 21, 2015.
Travel Logistics (continued)

Q: Will I be reimbursed for my travel expenses? If so, how much?
A: See Travel Grant Application

Q: When do I complete the forms needed for travel reimbursement?
A: You should complete your reimbursement forms on the last day of the program. You should provide original receipts and completed W-9 forms to the Office of Graduate Studies after the program.

Q: When will I be reimbursed?
A: Students selected to receive travel reimbursement grants will receive funds within 30 days of the start of the Fall semester of 2015. (All students receiving reimbursement must be enrolled in a graduate program offered by Alabama A&M University in the Fall of 2015.)

Q: When should I plan to leave?
A: The program concludes after the program presentations on Saturday, February 21st (approximately 3:00 p.m.). However, other activities are planned including a tour of the campus, as well as a tour of Huntsville. Participation in those activities is optional.

Lodging

Q: What hotel is hosting the Graduate School Open House?
A: Microtel Inn & Suites
   1820 Chase Creek Row, Huntsville, AL 35811
   Phone: 1-800-771-7171 or 256-859-6655

Q: Am I responsible for making my hotel reservations?
A: Yes.

Q: Do I have to pay for my hotel room?
A: Yes; however, the university has worked out a student-friendly rate per night of $54 for Double Occupancy and $44 for Single Occupancy. The university will also provide a limited number of complimentary rooms (on a first come, first serve basis; two students to a room - students must have a roommate). Contact Dr. Denise Vaughn for available rooms (256-372-5266).
   Code to receive student-friendly rate: “Alabama A&M University Graduate School Open House”

Campus Transportation

Q: How do I get to campus?
A: The Graduate School will provide transportation from the Microtel Inn & Suites for the Open House activities.

Questions/Concerns

Q: If I have additional questions or concerns, who should I contact?
A: Open House Program Coordinators, Mr. Bradley Davis or Dr. Denise Vaughn

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