Dear Students and Faculty Members in the Developmental, Regenerative, and Stem Cell Biology Program,

We are excited to call for nominations for the Philip and Sima Needleman Graduate Student Fellowship. These fellowships, made possible by a generous donation from the Needlemans, are specifically designed to support students in the Developmental, Regenerative, and Stem Cell Biology Graduate Program who work in the fields of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine. The fellowship will cover the student’s stipend for 2 years, 2 months, and provide an annual allowance of $1500/year for related expenses, such as attending scientific conferences or courses. We anticipate awarding one fellowship for 2015.

Details follow below on student eligibility, the nomination and application process, and the selection procedure, but here we highlight two key points about the application process.

- Nominations must be made by the thesis mentor of an eligible student in the Developmental, Regenerative, and Stem Cell Biology Graduate Program.

- Applications are due by 5 pm on Friday, December 19th (please provide three hard copies of each application to Connie Austin in the Developmental Biology Departmental Office).

We are excited about this great opportunity for graduate education at Washington University, and we hope many of you will apply for this fellowship mechanism.

Selection process:

1. Eligibility
   - Students must be in the Developmental, Regenerative and Stem Cell Biology Program of DBBS.
   - Students must have completed both sections of their Qualifying exam before being appointed.
   - Students must have completed less than four years in the program.

2. Nomination procedure
   - The fellowship committee will make an annual announcement requesting applications.
   - Students should be nominated by their thesis mentor. The application should include: (1) A letter of nomination from the thesis mentor describing why the student has high potential for achievement and documenting the relevance of the research to regenerative medicine and stem cell biology, (2) The student’s C.V., and (3) A two page description of the research project provided by the student.

3. Selection procedure
The fellowship committee will consist of both co-directors of the DRSCB program, Jim Skeath and Kerry Kornfeld, and the head of the Department of Developmental Biology, Lila Solnica-Krezel.

The fellowship committee will select one student from the group of nominated students based on written application materials and student interviews, as necessary.

4. **Notification.**
   - The student and mentor will be notified in writing of the selection.
   - The fellowship committee will make a general announcement reporting the selected students to the Washington University community.

Sincerely,

Lila Solnica-Krezel, Kerry Kornfeld, and Jim Skeath