Dear Prospective Graduate Students:
Delta State offers these two funding opportunities in Graduate & Continuing Studies.

**BF Smith Scholarship.**
The B.F. Smith Scholars Program consists of graduate assistantships for students. The graduate assistantships may be awarded to students with a record of academic achievement and commitment to the Delta region for pursuit of a degree related to the field of Community & Economic development such as community development, finance, marketing economics, political science, sociology, or public administration. Previous awards have been $5000 per semester.

**Who can Apply for B.F. Smith Scholarship?**
- Must have a Bachelor’s degree in a related field with a minimum overall undergraduate G.P.A. of 3.25.
- The recipient cannot be employed full-time outside the University during this time period.

**What’s Expected?**
- Recipients will be expected to engage in real-world learning opportunities and produce a final report.

**How to Apply?**
- Submit the following documents to Dr. Albert Nylander, Graduate Studies Office, 239 Kent Wyatt Hall:
  1) Graduate School Application, 2) An official undergraduate transcript, 3) A cover letter outlining the applicants qualifications, 4) The name, title, address, and phone number of at least three references, and 5) A written statement describing why the candidate wishes to become a B.F. Smith Scholar and how the program can lead to career success, preferably in the MS Delta.

**Hearin Fellowship Scholars Program.**
The Hearin Scholars program provides funding to graduate students interested in the following graduate programs: Community Development, Master of Business Administration, and Master of Counselor Education. Other programs will be considered. A focus for these Hearin Scholars will be on graduate research. Each scholar will receive (1) a 10-month stipend totaling $5,000; and (2) $5,000 for each fellow’s tuition annually.

**Who can Apply for the Hearin Scholarship?**
- Must have a Bachelor’s degree in a related field with a minimum overall undergraduate G.P.A. of 3.25.
- The recipient cannot be employed full-time outside the University during this time period. Preference will be given to graduate students who desire to live and work in Mississippi, preferably the Mississippi Delta Region.

**What’s Expected?**
- Recipients will be expected to engage in real-world learning opportunities and produce a final report.
- Scholars will meet monthly under the direction of a Faculty Scholar to discuss their research activities.
- There will be a final research project and presentation at the end of the semester.

**How to Apply?**
- Submit the following documents to Dr. Albert Nylander, Graduate Studies Office, 239 Kent Wyatt Hall:
  1) Graduate School Application, 2) An official undergraduate transcript, 3) A 500 word essay on career goals, 4) The name, title, address, and phone number of at least two references, and 5) A resume.