



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

The Wells Graduate Fellowship
*Visionary Leadership, Academic Excellence,
Character, Social Consciousness, Generosity*

Due: **Friday, November 17, 2017**

Herman B Wells, who was beloved by countless individuals in Indiana and far beyond, is renowned as a great leader of American higher education in the twentieth century. He led by word and deed, devoting his life to making Indiana University an academic and cultural institution of international stature.

He enrolled at Indiana University as an undergraduate in 1921, joined the faculty of the Department of Economics in 1930, was appointed Dean of the School of Business Administration in 1935, and began his legendary 25-year presidency of the university in 1937. Upon his retirement in 1962, he was named University Chancellor, a position he held until his death in 2000.

Through his legacy, Chancellor Wells continues to support Indiana University. In his estate, he provided for an annual graduate fellowship. The fellowship will be awarded each year to students who demonstrate the qualities for which Chancellor Wells was renowned: leadership abilities, academic excellence, character, social consciousness, and generosity of spirit. One fellowship will be awarded each year, although more than one award may be possible during a given year.

Nomination Process: Any department can nominate **one doctoral or M.F.A. student** who exemplifies the characteristics of Chancellor Wells. Doctoral nominees must be at least in the second year of graduate studies and M.F.A. nominees must be at least in the first year of graduate studies at any Indiana University campus and a regularly enrolled student during the award year. The nominee may be a candidate for a doctoral degree. A committee of faculty members will make the final selection of the awardee.

A complete nomination must consist of the following, in the order listed below in a single pdf:

- ❖ **Application form**
- ❖ **Letter of nomination** from the Department Chairperson, or from a Faculty Member designated by the Chairperson
- ❖ **Two (2) additional letters of recommendation**
- ❖ **Personal statement** from the candidate (no longer than two (2) pages in length)
- ❖ **Curriculum vitae/résumé** for the candidate

Award: This is a single-year award valued at **\$42,000**, in addition to student health insurance, **for the 2018-2019 academic year. The nominating school is strongly encouraged to provide a fee remission.** The award must be used for the year it is awarded. A recipient cannot place this award into a "reserve status" because of receiving another award. The awardee of the Wells Graduate Fellowship during academic year 2018-2019 may not accept financial assistance from another source for that academic year.

Student Deadline: Students must contact their department for their internal deadline. The nomination must be submitted by your department. We will not accept any self-nominations.



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Department Deadline: The nomination needs to be submitted through SharePoint (1 pdf per student nomination) by **Friday, November 18, 2016**. (<https://www.sharepoint.iu.edu/sites/UGSAwardsAndFellowships/default.aspx>) Faculty and staff who need access to SharePoint to upload nominations should send a request with their user id and department name to ugsawrd@indiana.edu.

Departments are responsible for contacting the candidates that have applied, but were not chosen for the nomination.

Questions may be directed to the Graduate Fellowships and Awards Coordinator by email at ugasawrd@indiana.edu.



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Note: This is a fillable pdf.

Student Name: _____ **IU Email:** _____

Student ID Number: _____

Department/Major: _____

Date began graduate work at IU (Month/Year): _____

Student's Current Status:

- ❖ M.F.A. student: _____
- ❖ Doctoral student (student that still has course work to complete and/or has not had their Nomination to Candidacy approved by the University Graduate School): _____
- ❖ Candidate for doctoral degree (student that has had their Nomination to Candidacy approved by the University Graduate School): _____

Name and Title of Nominator:

Nominator's Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Nominator's Campus Address:

If awarded, the nominee's school has agreed to provide a fee remission for the winner. Yes No

To be completed by the nominating department:

Please list the names and emails of the faculty and staff whom we should contact regarding award results:

Name: _____ Email: _____

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Name: _____ Email: _____

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Name: _____ Email: _____

Please submit the following (in a single pdf) via SharePoint:

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