



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

John H. Edwards Fellowship

Due: **Monday, February 1, 2021**

The John H. Edwards Fellowship is one of the University's most prestigious academic awards. The Edwards Trust Fund provides income for two fellowships of approximately \$25,000 each for graduate students in terminal degree programs at any campus of Indiana University in the academic year 2021-2022. A university-wide committee selects the fellows from nominations made by the deans of departments and schools.

In accordance with the bequest, the John H. Edwards Fellowship will be awarded on the following basis:

Good citizenship, character, especially attitude toward public service and the likelihood of future usefulness to society, scholastic ability, intellectual capacity, and upon such other bases and qualifications, and in such manner, as the Trustees of Indiana University in their discretion and judgment may determine from time to time, but always without regard to consideration of religion, creed, race, national origin, color, sex, or political affiliation.

The Edwards Trust Fund Committee interprets the above paragraph as an instruction to nominate a candidate with an extraordinary record of voluntary public service, exemplary character, superior scholastic ability, and intellectual capacity that promises dividends for society. Consistent with University policy, nominations for this award should be made without regard to sexual orientation or disability.

Eligibility Criteria: Nominees should have **completed at least 24 credit hours** of graduate study at Indiana University by February 2020, be enrolled as a full-time student for AY 2021-2022, and be working satisfactorily toward completion of a **terminal graduate degree** (Ph.D., Ed.D., M.D., J.D., M.F.A., M.A.T., etc.). Nominees should have a clear **record of voluntary public service**. Special consideration will be given to nominees who can demonstrate financial need in order to complete their studies (see Nominee Financial Statement Form). Initiating service projects is an especially strong credential for earning this award.

Nomination Process: A complete nomination must consist of the following, in the order listed below:

- ❖ **Nomination form** (see below)
- ❖ **Two concise letters of recommendation** by faculty knowledgeable about the nominee that describe his or her academic record and progress, commitment to public service, and promise as a leader in his or her field
- ❖ **Supporting letter from a public service agency or organization where the nominee has volunteered** that states the agency's mission, how the nominee contributed to that mission, the duration and commitment of time volunteered, and the impact of the nominee's efforts
- ❖ **Curriculum vitae/résumé** for the nominee (including public service activities and volunteerism)
- ❖ A **personal statement** (maximum 2 pages single spaced) by the nominee addressing his or her academic goals and the relationship of public service and volunteerism to these goals
- ❖ **Statement of financial need** from the nominee (see Nominee Financial Statement Form)
- ❖ **Transcripts of undergraduate and graduate work**, including those from Indiana University and other institutions. Photocopies are acceptable.

There can be only **one nomination per department**, but there can be multiple nominations per School/College.

Award Value: This is a single-year award valued at **\$25,000 for the 2021-2022 academic year.** The fellowship is a stipend only. **The nominating school must agree to provide a fee remission.** Departments may supplement the award up to the average fellowship amount typically received by students in that department.

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. Successful nominees who are awarded an Edwards Fellowship during academic year 2021-22 may not accept financial assistance from another source or other employment, including Student Academic Appointments, for that academic year.

Internal Deadlines: All students' application materials must be submitted to their departments for review. Each nomination must have the written endorsement of the dean or director of the relevant graduate department/school.

- ❖ Departments in the College of Arts and Sciences at IUB must submit their nomination to the College Graduate Office for review by January 25, 2021. Please contact the College Graduate Office (collgrad@indiana.edu) with any questions.
- ❖ Other departments should contact their School/College in order to determine whether their nomination needs to go through the main graduate office or can be submitted directly by the department to the University Graduate School.

Final Deadline: All nominations need to be submitted by the nominating school or department through the "UGS Fellowships & Awards" course on Canvas, in a single PDF document per student, by **Monday, February 1, 2021**. To be added to the Canvas course, please send your campus, department name, and IU username to ugsawrd@indiana.edu.

Departments/Schools are responsible for contacting the candidates who have applied, but were not chosen for nomination to the campus-wide competition.

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



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John H. Edwards Fellowship Nomination Form

Note: This is a fillable pdf, but answers to the questions below may be attached on a separate sheet.

Student Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Student ID Number: _____

Campus: _____

Major/Department: _____

School: _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

Expected Degree: _____ **Expected Year of Completion:** _____

If awarded, the nominating school has agreed to provide a fee remission for the winner. ____ Yes ____ No

Brief Academic History (scores on national admissions tests GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MSAT, etc.; graduate schools attended including IU; completed hours of graduate work at IU and elsewhere):

Nominating Statement (by dean of school/department or appropriate administrative officer such as department chair). In your evaluation of the nominee, please address each of the following areas:

Scholastic ability and intellectual capacity:

Academic progress toward degree:

Good citizenship and character:

Record of voluntary public service:

Checklist of attachments:

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Signature _____ Date _____

Name and Title of Nominator: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____



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**John H. Edwards Fellowship
Nominees Statement of Financial Need**

***NOTE:** If you are awarded an Edwards Fellowship, you may not accept other financial assistance or employment, including Student Academic Appointments, during the award period.

Student Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Student ID Number: _____

Major/Department: _____

School: _____

Past and Current Department/University/Other Awards Received and Type (AI/GA/RA/Other):
___ Yes ___ No

Year/Semester of Award	_____	Type	_____
Year/Semester of Award	_____	Type	_____
Year/Semester of Award	_____	Type	_____
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Year/Semester of Award	_____	Type	_____

Are you applying for or will you have any department/university support for AY 2021-2022?
___ Yes ___ No

If yes, specify type and stipend amount, if known:

Check all that apply for this AY 2021-2022 support:
___ Fee Remission ___ Fee Reduction ___ Eligible for G901 ___ No Fee Support

Please write a brief statement of your need for continued financial support in order to complete your degree.