



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship

Purpose and Eligibility for the President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship

The President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship was established in 2014 to provide one year of support to advanced doctoral students who are completing Ph.D. dissertations. These are one time fellowships meant to offset a scholar's living expenses while completing the dissertation. This competition is specifically aimed at graduate students who are underrepresented minorities (URMs) in their field. The URM designation applies to racial, ethnic, gender, and disability classification. Graduate students in the natural, physical and life sciences, technology, and math fields, are especially encouraged to apply. In order to apply for this award, applicants must have been admitted to candidacy and receive Ph.D. recorder approval at least one month prior to the application deadline.

Dissertation fellowships will be awarded in a university-wide competition administered by core campus committees to individuals who have demonstrated academic achievement and show promise of future achievement as scholars, teachers, researchers, or professionals. **Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a strong likelihood of filing the dissertation at the end of the fellowship period.** President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship recipients will receive a full stipend and health insurance for one year as they work toward completing the Ph.D. degree.

Stipend and Benefits

1. One-year stipend: \$20,000 (non-STIM) - \$25,000 (STIM: sciences, technology, informatics, and mathematics) depending upon discipline
2. Student health insurance for fellowship recipients
3. Opportunity to participate in workshops in the Graduate Mentoring Center. Possibility for expenses to be paid to attend the Institute for Teaching and Mentoring conference by the Southern Regional Education Board's Compact for Faculty Development (value: \$3,750); and, the possibility for expenses to participate in one of the semester-long activities sponsored by the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (value: \$3,250).

****Please see below for the funding template for this award***

Eligibility Criteria

1. Doctoral candidates in Ph.D. programs at Indiana University Bloomington.
 - a. Applicants must have been admitted to candidacy and received Ph.D. recorder approval at least one month prior to the application deadline.
2. Citizens, nationals, and permanent residents (holders of a Permanent Resident Card) of the U.S.A.
3. Individuals belonging to one or more of the following classes:
 - a. Must be an underrepresented minority, URM, in their particular discipline. The term URM includes DOMESTIC African Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, or Pacific Islanders/Native Hawaiians.
 - b. Person with disabilities. Under the ADA, an individual is considered to have a disability if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of his or her major life activities and has a record of such impairment.
 - c. A gender minority (< 30% of the current graduate population in the department).
 - d. A first generation college student (a student whose legal custodian(s) did not complete a four- year college degree).
4. Individuals who have not received a dissertation fellowship.

Selection criteria will include the following:

1. Degree of promise of **completing** the Ph.D. dissertation near the end of the fellowship period
2. Type and amount of **funding received prior to the application** of the President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship

Nomination Process

Students must be nominated by their department. In nominating the student, the department must submit a completed application verifying that the student has completed all requirements for their Ph.D. except for submission of the dissertation in their graduate program and has been admitted to candidacy. In nominating the student, the department also agrees to ensure that recipients do not accept other graduate awards or employment during the award period and will submit a final report on behalf of the student. If submitting multiple nominations, the department must rank the nominees.

A **completed application**, submitted as one pdf document via Canvas, contains:

FROM DEPARTMENT:

1. President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship **Nomination Form** identifying one or more of the diversity classes of the award, confirmation of approval of admission to candidacy by the University Graduate School, and types of funding that the student has received to date as a doctoral student.
2. **Rank** your department's nominations with #1 being the strongest candidate for the award in the grid below. You may submit up to **4 nominations**.
3. **Letter of Nomination** by Department chair. The letter should be no more than one page in length.
4. **Letter of support** from dissertation chair or doctoral advisor. The letter should be no more than two pages in length.

FROM STUDENT

1. **Curriculum Vitae**
2. **Unofficial transcript**
3. **Work-plan/timetable** for completion of the doctoral degree and rationale why this fellowship year is needed
4. **Dissertation summary**, not to exceed six pages, that includes:
 - a. Objectives/Approach/Purpose
 - b. Limitations of Study
 - c. Significant Findings

All materials are to be submitted (both department and student supplied) by the nominating department as one pdf per student through the UGS Fellowships & Awards Canvas course no later than 4 p.m. on the deadline (<https://iu.instructure.com/courses/1630134>).

To be added to the Canvas course, please send an email with your campus, department, and IU username to ugsawrd@indiana.edu.

Department/Program Name:			
School or College:			
Name (Last Name, First Name)	University ID #	Rank	
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President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship

Year 1

Department/School/College

Students must have G901 status or beyond. No tuition support is needed.

University Graduate School

Fellowship with no Student Academic Appointment duties. Stipend award of \$20,000-\$25,000, plus subsidized health insurance.

Mentoring and Development Support
Activities include:

Participation in Indiana University Graduate Mentoring Center workshops, symposia and events.

Possibility of travel award to attend Doctoral Scholars Program's Institute on Teaching and Mentoring. Value: \$3,750; or, participation in the online Faculty Success Program (one semester) National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity. Value: \$3,250

The student 1) will be enrolled full time; 2) will be responsible for paying mandatory fees; 3) agrees not to accept other graduate scholarships or employment (including Student Academic Appointments) during the award period; and 4) agrees to meet with deans in the University Graduate School during the term of the fellowship.

The department will encourage the student to participate in University Graduate School mentoring activities through the Graduate Mentoring Center that are both relevant and appropriate to their career aspirations and will submit an annual report on behalf of the student, summarizing their progress towards the degree.



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President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship Nomination Form

Note: This is a fillable pdf.

Nominated Student Information

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Graduate Program: _____

Citizenship: _____ US citizen _____ US national _____ US permanent resident

Member of one of more of the following diversity classes: (check all that apply)

_____ Underrepresented minority, URM, in their particular discipline. The term URM includes DOMESTIC African Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, or Pacific Islanders/Native Hawaiians

_____ Person with disabilities. Under ADA, an individual is considered to have a disability if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of his or her major life activities and has a record of such impairment and can provide documentation. For more information about documentation criteria visit: <http://studentaffairs.indiana.edu/disability-services-students/request-services/documenting-disability.shtml>

_____ A gender minority (< 30% of the current graduate population in the department)

_____ A first generation college student (i.e. a student whose legal custodian(s) did not complete a four-year college degree)

Funding History

Funding type and amount received in doctoral studies (e.g., 2020-21: Dept. SAA: \$15,000):

Year 1: _____

Year 2: _____

Year 3: _____

Year 4: _____

Year 5: _____

Year 6: _____

Year 7: _____

Year 8: _____

Other: _____

Eligibility

Date Admitted to Candidacy (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Note: This date must be at least one month prior to fellowship application deadline

If selected, indicate the academic term the student would like to receive the first disbursement of the President’s Diversity Dissertation Fellowship. Note: Fellow must be enrolled to receive funding.

Summer II or Fall

PRESIDENT'S DIVERSITY DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Award Length

The President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship will be no longer than one academic year.

Evaluation and Selection of Fellows

Applications from each department will be evaluated by a fellowship committee. The committee will use the cover letter, letter of support, academic records, the proposed timetable, plan for completion of the doctoral degree, and student summary as the basis for determining the extent to which candidates meet the eligibility requirements and the selection criteria.

Conditions of the Fellowship

President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship awardees are expected to be engaged in a full-time program leading to a Ph.D. in an eligible field of study. Those who accept the President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship must agree to the stipulations in the Terms of Appointment that accompanies the award letter. The University Graduate School may request feedback on the efficacy of the award during the year.

How many fellowships will be awarded?

The University Graduate School will award nine fellowships annually at the IUB campus.

Is a student eligible if they are a doctoral candidate in a degree other than the Ph.D.?

Yes, nominations are also open to Ph.D. candidates earning a dual degree (e.g. M.D./Ph.D., J.D./Ph.D., etc.) who are underrepresented (< 30%) or minority students in their IU degree program. Please see the President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship Guidelines and the application introduction for more information on the criteria used in determining eligibility.

What is the nomination deadline?

The application deadline is typically 4 p.m. on the first Friday in February and must be submitted to the respective University Graduate School office on the applicant's campus.

How would you like me to submit my official graduate transcript?

Scanned copies of the student's unofficial IU transcript are requested.

Will additional documents, such as additional letters of recommendation or appendices be accepted?

No. Please limit the nomination packet to the documents that comprise the application. We will not be able to accept additional documents.

How will I be notified?

Recipients of the President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship will be notified directly by the University Graduate School via their university email address and certified US mail. Those who are not awarded Fellowships will also be notified by the University Graduate School.

I am not eligible this year due to the timing of my proposal defense. Could I be nominated next year?

Yes. The University Graduate School will continue to offer the President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship. We also plan to maintain an annual schedule of announcing in the Fall with applications due in February.

Will the University Graduate School give feedback if my nomination is not chosen?

No. The University Graduate School will not comment on nominations after making award decisions. All applications and supporting materials become the property of the University Graduate School and, as such, will not be returned.

Must I be a US citizen to be considered?

No. U.S. citizens, nationals, and permanent residents (holders of a Permanent Resident Card) of the U.S.A. are encouraged to apply.

Am I eligible to be nominated if I will receive funding from another source? Can I accept other awards?

No. You may not receive awards that carry stipends in addition to the President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship. Non-stipend containing research or travel awards are allowed.

Can the recipient work while using the President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship?

The President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship is meant to help cover the educational costs and modest living expenses a recipient incurs while completing his or her dissertation. With this in mind, Fellows may not hold outside employment during the award term. This includes Student Academic Appointments such as Assistant Instructorships, Graduate Assistantships, and Research Assistantships.

How are the fellowship funds paid?

If the student selects a fall start, the President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship is disbursed equally between enrolled terms. If the student selects a summer start, a small portion of the funds is disbursed sometime after July 1, and the remainder of the funds is disbursed equally between the fall and spring terms. In both cases, the stipend is disbursed directly into the recipient's financial/bursar

account. Once the fellowship money is applied to the institutional charges (fees, et cetera), remaining funds are disbursed to the student.

Will the University Graduate School provide 1099 forms?

No. President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship will be paid to directly to the student, and, therefore, 1099 forms are not needed. Ascertaining tax liability and reporting the applicable portion, if any, to the US Internal Revenue Service is the sole responsibility of the Fellow.

What if I cannot participate in the required mentoring and professional activities?

Mentoring and professional developmental activities are optional benefits to receiving the President's Diversity Dissertation Fellowship.

Who is The University Graduate School contact, if I still have questions?

Please contact the Fellowship and Awards Coordinator, who can direct your questions, ugsawrd@iu.edu.