



## INDIANA UNIVERSITY

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### **The 2018-2019 IUPUI Graduate Diversity Dissertation Fellowship for Purdue Programs** Competition is OPEN and applications are being accepted.

Application deadline: April, 20, 2018

#### Purpose and Eligibility for the IUPUI Purdue Diversity Dissertation Fellowship

Greater innovation, collaboration, and success is associated with increased team diversity among STEM workers and educators. To help meet this national need and better prepare future STEM educators, the Indiana University-Purdue University (IUPUI) Graduate Fellowship Committee has endorsed a program to assist talented and diverse Ph.D. candidates complete their degrees in Purdue graduate programs within our Schools of Science and Engineering and Technology. This program has been tailored similarly to the diversity dissertation fellowships offered to applicants to IU Ph.D. programs on the IUPUI campus.

The IUPUI Purdue Diversity Dissertation Fellowship offers up to one year of support to advanced doctoral students who are completing Ph.D. dissertations in Purdue University schools at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). These are one time fellowships meant to offset a scholar's living expenses while completing the dissertation. In order to apply for this award, applicants must have been admitted to candidacy and receive Graduate Office Ph.D. recorder approval of their academic progression at least one month prior to the application deadline. The fellowship is designed to support current students with financial need in their final year as they prepare their dissertation and move to graduate.

Dissertation fellowships will be awarded competitively to individuals who have demonstrated academic achievement and who 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 thesis at the end of the fellowship period. These IUPUI Graduate Dissertation Fellowship recipients will receive a full stipend for up to one year as they work toward completing the Ph.D. degree.

#### **Stipend and Benefits:**

1. One-year fellowship provided by the Graduate Office: \$20,000
2. Opportunity to participate in workshops in CIRTL at IUPUI, and the IUPUI Preparing Future Faculty and Professionals program

Fellowship funds can be disbursed to support a student for one or two semesters. Graduate programs must supplement the stipend of these fellows commensurate to that received by other students currently enrolled in the same Ph.D. program to ensure parity.

**Schools/departments are responsible for:**

1. Tuition/fee remission, as defined in the [SAA Handbook](#)
  - a. Factoring in MSEP discount if MSEP eligible
2. Student health insurance for fellowship recipients
3. Supporting the Fellow for any remaining semesters of the program at a similar level of stipend support
4. Covering the cost of the health insurance in subsequent years

Departments and programs are encouraged to provide additional support in terms of stipends, travel awards and/or tuition and to include this information in offer letters to fellowship recipients.

**Eligibility for the Purdue Dissertation Fellowship is limited to:**

1. Doctoral candidates in Purdue Ph.D. programs at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
2. Citizens, nationals, and permanent residents (holders of a Permanent Resident Card) of the U.S.A.
3. Individuals who have not received a dissertation fellowship
4. 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 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
  - 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)

**Selection criteria will include the following:**

1. Degree of promise of completing the Ph.D. dissertation
2. Type and amount of funding received prior to the application of the IUPUI Graduate Dissertation Fellowship
3. Evidence of financial need along with academic scholarship and good standing

**Nomination process:**

Students must be nominated by their department/school. 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 hold external employment outside the university during the period of funding, and will submit a final report on behalf of the student. Departments must agree to provide funding to cover the cost of student health fees and tuition for the period of support. Supplemental funding for student stipends is permitted to ensure that dissertation award recipients receive similar financial support to other students within their current degree program.

A completed application includes:

1. A completed and submitted electronic cover sheet found at <http://go.iu.edu/1Pxz> which contains: a confirmation of successful defense of the dissertation proposal, including the month and year of defense stated clearly; and, types of funding student has received to date as a doctoral student
2. The following attached to the electronic form for each student nominee as ONE PDF:

FROM THE DEPARTMENT

- a) Cover letter by Department chair which should be no more than one page in length
- b) Letter of support from dissertation chair or doctoral advisor which should be no more than two pages in length and which should document evidence of financial need

FROM THE STUDENT

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

To submit the nomination, units will complete an online cover page, <http://go.iu.edu/1Pxz>, for each applicant, and upload the appropriately-named PDF to the online cover page form no later than 5 pm on **Friday, April, 20, 2018**. To assure review of the nomination the department/unit must use this file name format: **Lastname of nominee-Dept-PU Diversity.pdf**

**Please note:** If you do not upload the file as instructed, it will be deleted and you will be asked to resubmit