



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

IUPUI Graduate Office

Purpose and Eligibility for

2017-2018 IUPUI Graduate Diversity Fellowship for Purdue Programs

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 new pilot program to provide funds for recruiting talented and diverse students to Purdue graduate programs within our Schools of Science and Engineering and Technology. The IUPUI Graduate Diversity Fellowship program has the goal of attracting outstanding underrepresented students to pursue a Purdue PhD degree at IUPUI. This pilot program has been tailored similarly to the diversity recruitment fellowships offered to applicants to IU Ph.D. programs on the IUPUI campus. This pilot IUPUI Diversity Fellowship is a one-year award administered by the IUPUI Graduate Office which includes the following:

- Financial support from the IUPUI Graduate Office:
 - A first year fellowship stipend distributed directly to the incoming student, as part of a recruiting package consistent with the applicant's terms of appointment:
 - 10-month option
 - \$19,000 - paid two times each year - \$9,500 in the Fall, \$9,500 in the Spring
 - 12-month option
 - \$22,500 - paid three times each year - \$9,000 in the Fall, \$9,000 in the Spring and \$4,500 in the Summer
 - Student health insurance with dental coverage in the first year

As indicated below, programs may supplement student stipends to ensure parity with currently enrolled students in each degree program.

Schools/departments are responsible for:

- Tuition/fee remission, as defined in the [SAA Handbook](#), in the first year and in subsequent years
 - Factoring in MSEP discount if MSEP eligible
- Supporting the University Fellow for subsequent years of the program at a similar level of stipend support
- 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 to fellowship awardees and to include information on the complete fellowship award in offer letters to applicants.

Eligibility for the IUPUI Graduate Diversity Fellowship is limited to:

- 1) Citizens, nationals, and permanent residents (holders of a Permanent Resident Card) of the United States

- 2) 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, Asians, Hispanics, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islander
 - 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 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)

Selection criteria will include the following:

- 1) Evidence of superior academic achievement (such as grade point average, class rank, honors or other designations. M.S. coursework and other relevant experience recognized)
- 2) Commitment to teaching and research at the college or university level
- 3) Purdue PhD programs at IUPUI
- 4) Individuals who have not earned a doctoral degree at any time, in any field

**2017-2018 Recruitment Awards
Nomination Guidelines**

CONFIDENTIALITY – Each nomination is confidential, and will only be viewed by the fellowship selection committee and by professional staff who administer the awards.

The Chair of Graduate Admissions, Director of Graduate Studies, Departmental chair or Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in a unit should submit the following for each student nominee:

- 1) A nomination and ranking form listing all candidates. Please list candidates with #1 being the strongest candidate for the award.
- 2) A **complete copy** of the student's application for admission to a PhD program. Applications must include:
 - a) Application form
 - b) Statement of purpose
 - c) Recommendation letters
 - d) Transcripts and Official GRE test scores
 - e) First generation college student status certification (if applicable)
- 3) A brief **supporting statement** (no more than 2 paragraphs) explaining: a) why this candidate is outstanding; b) how well matched the candidate's interests are to the strengths of the department; c) how the department recruited the student (how much contact and by which faculty); and d) the likelihood the candidate will choose IU over competing offers.
- 4) A detailed **funding template** should include minimum stipend amounts, tuition and subsidized health insurance.
- 5) A brief **department diversity statement**, describing the department's current diversity (% of graduate student body) relevant to the nominee and any initiatives to increase recruitment and retention of a more diverse graduate student population. Each statement should be tailored to the particular fellowship or nominee. For example, how will award of the IUPUI Graduate Diversity Fellowship

advance URMs in their field of study? What efforts has the department made to identify and recruit members of the nominee's or other underrepresented groups? What mentoring activities, professional-skills training, and career-development opportunities will be available to the Fellowship holder in your department?

Departmental nominations for the Purdue Diversity Fellowship must be submitted online as 1 PDF through the Canvas University Fellowship page site no later than 5 pm on **Friday, February 17, 2017**. To assure review of the nomination the department/unit must use this file name format: **Lastname of nominee-Dept-PUDiversity.pdf**.

Nomination and Ranking Form for 2017-2018 Recruitment Awards

The Chair of Graduate Admissions, Director of Graduate Studies, Departmental chair or Associate Dean of Graduate Studies of the unit should submit the following:

- (1) Secure approval from their dean of graduate studies
- (2) Rank your department's nominations with #1 being the strongest candidate for the award(s) for which each student is eligible.
- (3) Provide for each nominee: (1) **supporting statement with a detailed funding template**; and, (2) a complete copy of the student's application* for admission to Indiana University.
- (4) Include a brief **departmental diversity statement** describing current diversity initiatives used to increase recruitment and retention of a more diverse graduate student population.

Name (Last Name, First Name)	University ID#	Application #	Purdue Diversity	University Fellowship