



# INDIANA UNIVERSITY

THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

IUPUI Graduate Office

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## Purpose and Eligibility for

### 2018-2019 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 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 Ph.D. degree at IUPUI. This program has been tailored similarly to the diversity recruitment fellowships offered to applicants to IU Ph.D. programs on the IUPUI campus. This 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:**

- 1) Tuition/fee remission, as defined in the [SAA Handbook](#)
  - a. Factoring in MSEP discount if MSEP eligible
- 2) Supporting the Fellow for any remaining semesters of the program at a similar level of stipend support
- 3) 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 Ph.D. programs at IUPUI
- 4) Individuals who have not earned a doctoral degree at any time, in any field

## 2018-2019 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 should first secure approval from the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies (if it is not the Associate Dean submitting the application). Please submit the following for each student nominee as ONE PDF:

- 1) A **complete copy** of the student's application for admission to a Ph.D. 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)
- 2) 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.
- 3) A detailed **funding template** should include minimum stipend amounts, tuition and subsidized health insurance.

- 4) 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 URM's 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?

To submit the nomination, units will complete an online cover page, <http://go.iu.edu/1Pxx>, for each applicant, and upload the appropriately-named PDF to the online cover page form no later than 5 pm on **Friday, February 16, 2018**. To assure review of the nomination the department/unit must use this file name format: **Lastname of nominee-Dept-PUDiversity.pdf**

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

