

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowships For Minorities

To increase the presence of underrepresented minorities on the nation's college and university faculties, to enhance diversity on campuses, and to address the persisting effects of past discrimination, the Ford Foundation offers pre-doctoral fellowships to members of six minority groups whose under representation in the professorate has been severe and long-standing. The fellowship program identifies individuals with demonstrated ability and provides them the opportunity to engage in graduate study leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) or Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) degree. These successful scholars then inspire other students of color to pursue an academic career in teaching and research.

Approximately 60 pre-doctoral fellowships will be awarded in a national competition administered by the National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academies on behalf of the Ford Foundation. The awards will be made to those individuals who, in the judgment of the review panels, have demonstrated superior scholarship and show the greatest promise for future achievement as scholars, researchers, and teachers in institutions of higher education.

Eligibility:

- Citizens or nationals of the United States (must have become a citizen by the application deadline date: November 19, 2001). The term "national of the United States" designates a citizen of the United States or a native resident of a possession of the United States. It does not refer to a U.S. permanent resident who is a citizen of another country.
- Members of the following groups:
 - Alaska Natives (Eskimo or Aleut)
 - Black/African Americans
 - Mexican Americans/Chicanos
 - Native American Indians
 - Native Pacific Islanders (Polynesian/Micronesian)
 - Puerto Ricans
- Individuals enrolled in or planning to enroll in a research-based Ph.D. or Sc.D. program in one of the fields listed on the back of this brochure
- Individuals who aspire to a teaching and research career at the college or university level
- Persons who have not earned a doctoral degree at any time, in any field

Field of Study:

Awards will be made for study in research-based Ph.D. or Sc.D. programs in selected academic disciplines. A comprehensive list of eligible fields of study is listed on the back of this brochure.

Individuals enrolled in practice-oriented programs will not be supported. Awards will not be made for work leading to degrees in education, business, management and administration, health sciences, nursing, home economics, library science, speech pathology, audiology, personnel, guidance, social work, social welfare, fine arts, and performing arts. In addition, awards will not be made for work leading to terminal master's degrees, doctorates in education (Ph.D. or Ed.D.), Doctor of Fine Arts (D.F.A.) degrees, professional degrees in such areas as medicine, law, or public health, or for study in joint degree programs such as the M.D./Ph.D., J.D./Ph.D., and M.F.A./Ph.D.

Stipends, Allowances, and Tenure:

- annual stipend: \$16,000
- institutional award to be accepted in lieu of tuition and fees: \$7,500
- three years of support to be used within five years
- expenses paid to attend three Conferences of Ford Fellows

Program Administration:

The National Research Council administers the program and follows the progress of the fellows after awards are made. Applicants are strongly encouraged to use the on-line application if possible. Please note that applications submitted on a form from an earlier year or on a form used by another fellowship program cannot be accepted. Requests for information and inquiries concerning all aspects of program and award administration should be sent to the following address:

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