

Hertz Foundation

The Hertz Foundation is a private foundation which provides fellowships tenable at three dozen of the nation's finest universities for graduate work leading to award of the Ph.D. degree in applications of the physical sciences. Each year they conduct a national competition for about two dozen new fellowships.

The Foundation supports the graduate education of America's most promising technical talent, the Ph.D.-directed effort of the young men and women who can be expected to have the greatest impact on the application of the physical sciences to human problems during the next half-century. The Graduate Fellowships of the Hertz Foundation are widely considered to be among the most prestigious offered anywhere. The Foundation's standing policy is that they will be structured to be the most attractive in their class in both material terms and duration of tenure.

Award: (based on merit, not need)

- cost-of-education allowance
- personal-support stipend

The cost-of-education allowance is accepted by all of the tenable schools in lieu of all fees and tuition. Hertz Fellows therefore have no liability for any ordinary educational costs, regardless of their choice among tenable schools.

The personal stipend, paid over the nine-month academic year, is \$25,000 for Fellowships awarded for the 2001-2002 academic year.

The Fellowship award is renewable annually (upon a showing of satisfactory progress toward receipt of the Ph.D. degree) for a total Fellowship tenure of no more than five years.

Eligibility:

- Evidence of exceptional creativity
- broad understanding of physical principles
- outstanding potential for innovative research is expected
- must be students of the applied physical sciences
- citizens or permanent residents of the United States of America
- willing to morally commit to make their skills available to the United States in time of national emergency

College seniors wishing to pursue the Ph.D. degree in any of the fields of particular interest to the Foundation, as well as graduate students already in the process of doing so, may apply.

We screen Fellowship applicants for qualities the Foundation believes are essential ingredients of future professional accomplishment and/or reasonably reliable leading indicators of future professional success. These include:

- **Exceptional Intelligence and Creativity**
with particular emphasis on those aspects pertinent to technical endeavors
- **Excellent Technical Education**
evidenced not only by transcripts and reference reports from senior technical professionals, but also by the results of a personal, technical interview
- **Orientation and Commitment to the applications of the physical sciences**
as is typical of most applicants

- **Extraordinary Accomplishment in technical or related professional studies**
which may offset slightly lower academic records, or add luster to outstanding ones
- **Features of Temperament and Character conducive to high attainment as a technical professional**
the assessment of which is difficult, albeit important to the Foundation
- **Appropriate moral and ethical values**
of considerable interest to the Foundation in the furthering of our basic goals
- **Leverage**
what difference the award of the Hertz Fellowship is likely to make in the kind, quality, and/or personal creativity of the student's graduate research

The Hertz Foundation not support students pursuing advanced professional degrees other than the Ph.D., such as enrollees in M.D., LL.D or MBA programs, although we will support the Ph.D. portion of a joint M.D./Ph.D. study program. For a list of general fields of study in which Graduate Fellowships are offered by the Foundation, see <http://www.hertzfndn.org/fields.html>.

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