

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Diversity Fellowship

Purpose To increase *ethnic and racial diversity* among college and university faculty. To maximize the educational benefits of diversity. To increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as an educational resource.

Award

Tenable Any accredited U.S. school offering a PhD or ScD in an eligible field.

Number & Amount Approximately 60 predoctoral awards for 2010. \$20,000 stipend. \$2,000 payment in lieu of tuition and fees. Conference funding.

Duration Three years of support.

Eligibility

Who US citizen or US national. Planning a career in teaching and research at the college level. Seek a degree in an eligible field. Eligible fields of study are listed on the website (too extensive to list here).

When Undergraduate seniors, recent alumni or current Masters students who will begin PhD/ScD study in the next year OR PhD/ScD students who can demonstrate that they have at least three remaining after the current year.

Selection Criteria Superior academic ability. Potential for future success in the academy. Interest in diversity that will infuse both pedagogy and scholarly inquiry. Desire to positively engage with minority students and their communities. Underrepresented minority status is also considered positively in selection. However, eligibility is not restricted to minority students.

Campus Deadline None.

Deadline Early November in 2009.

Application Apply online. Application form. Statement of previous research experience. Two essays: 1. Plan for graduate study and career plans. 2. Personal statement that shares personal background AND articulates commitment to Ford Diversity Fellowship goals. Four letters of recommendation. Transcripts. Form to verify predoctoral status. GRE scores encouraged but optional.

Contact Jim Hohenbary is happy to talk with students about the Ford Diversity Fellowship. He can be reached at 112 Eisenhower or (785) 532-6904.

Other There are also *Dissertation Fellowship* and *Postdoctoral Fellowship* options available. Number and size of each varies from the predoctoral option.

Check <http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/FordFellowships/index.htm> for details on all three award types.