

# PURDUE DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

## The Graduate School

## Deadline: Determined by Academic Program

The Purdue Doctoral Fellowships support the recruitment of outstanding Ph.D.-track students who will enhance the diversity of the graduate student body in graduate programs at Purdue through their diverse backgrounds, views and experiences. Each fellowship provides a four-year award package to the fellow, which includes two years of stipend support from the Graduate School and two additional years of support from the graduate program. The Purdue Doctoral Fellowship, whether administered as a fellowship or as an assistantship, also provides tuition coverage and a medical insurance supplement. The student recipient must have an admit date of fall 2015 or spring 2016.

### Application and Selection Process

Students do not apply directly for the Purdue Doctoral Fellowship. Selection of the recipients is conducted by the graduate faculty that administers the graduate program to which the student was admitted. At a minimum, the selection process considers the students' academic and scholarly achievements and abilities, and their ability to contribute to the diversity of the graduate student body, based upon Graduate School admission application materials requested by the graduate program. To receive full consideration, graduate students must submit completed Graduate School admission application materials, including the diversity essay, by the program deadline. The diversity essay should be 500 words or less responding to the statement: *Describe your leadership, work experience, service experience, or other significant involvement with racial, ethnic, socio-economic, or educational communities that have traditionally been underrepresented in higher education, and how these experiences would promote a diversity of views, experiences, and ideas in the pursuit of research, scholarship, and creative excellence.*

### Student Eligibility

Recipients of Purdue Doctoral Fellowships must have graduated from an accredited U.S. high school; be admitted to Purdue as Ph.D.-track students in a degree-granting graduate program; demonstrate superior academic achievement and scholarly abilities through the views, experiences and backgrounds, as communicated in the diversity essay; and demonstrate their ability to contribute to the diversity of the graduate student body. The student recipient must have an admit date of fall 2014 or spring 2015.

### Award Provisions

The Purdue Doctoral Fellowships provides a four-year award package to the student. The tenure of the Purdue Doctoral Fellowship is two years. The Graduate School provides:

- Stipend of \$16,386<sup>1</sup>;
- Payment of tuition and most fees, (differential fee is not paid);
- Medical insurance supplement.

The graduate program commits two additional years of support, usually in the form of research assistantships, teaching assistantships, or a combination thereof, to guarantee to the fellowship recipient a total award package of four years. Continuation of the Purdue Doctoral Fellowship award is contingent upon satisfactory academic and scholarly performance and progress, satisfactory work performance, and the fellow's ability to meet and maintain Graduate School Fellowship guidelines. Fellowship recipients must meet and maintain the Purdue Doctoral Fellowship guidelines as evaluated by the graduate faculty. Fellows who elect not to accept the financial support offered by the graduate program may be subject to termination of the fellowship award.

### Award Terms and Conditions

Recipients must:

- be enrolled and maintain status as Ph.D.-track students in a degree-granting graduate program at Purdue;
- register for at least eight credits in both the fall and the spring sessions and for at least six credits during the summer session. Fellows who are not registered during the summer session will not receive a stipend in June and July;
- maintain satisfactory academic and scholarly performance and progress and satisfactory work performance;
- maintain a valid e-mail address with the Fellowship Office;
- submit an Academic Progress Report each semester to the Fellowship Office;
- adhere to the Graduate School Fellowship guidelines.

### Contact Information

The Purdue Doctoral Fellowships are administered by the Graduate School. Consult the Graduate School Fellowship Manual at <http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/funding> for complete details regarding the Purdue Doctoral Fellowship and other Graduate School Fellowships. Questions may be addressed to the Fellowship Office, Graduate School, at 4-2598 or [fellowships@purdue.edu](mailto:fellowships@purdue.edu).

<sup>1</sup>Minimum stipend is \$16,638 (estimated); the actual stipend amount is determined by the graduate program.