

# DAVID M. KNOX FELLOWSHIP

The Graduate School

Department Deadline: **Monday, January 26, 2015**

Departments submit as one pdf, by email, to the Fellowship Office; [fellowships@purdue.edu](mailto:fellowships@purdue.edu)

The David M. Knox Fellowships are awarded to masters-seeking students to enhance the diversity of the graduate student body through the recruitment of students with diverse backgrounds, views and experiences. The Knox Fellowship commits a two-year award package to the fellows, which includes one year of stipend support from the Graduate School and one additional year of funding support from the graduate program. Tuition and fee coverage and a medical insurance supplement are also provided. 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 David M. Knox Fellowship, but must complete the diversity essay, which is part of the Graduate School admission application. Graduate programs forward nominations of students, who meet the eligibility criteria, electronically to the Graduate School Fellowship Office. The nomination must include: the student's curriculum vitae (use as the cover sheet for the application), statement of purpose, diversity essay, letters of recommendation and transcripts and submit as one pdf file. Selection of the Knox Fellow is conducted by members of the graduate faculty. At a minimum, the selection committee considers the student's academic and scholarly achievements and abilities and ability to contribute to the diversity of the graduate student body, based upon the Graduate School admission application materials, including the diversity essay.

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 Knox Fellowships must have graduated from an accredited U.S. high school, be admitted to Purdue in a degree-granting graduate program, and, at a minimum, must demonstrate superior academic achievement and scholarly abilities, enhancing the graduate student body through a diversity of backgrounds, views and experiences. The student recipient must have an admit date of fall 2015 or spring 2016.

## **Award Provisions**

The Knox Fellowship provides a two-year award package to the student. The tenure of the Knox Fellowship is one year. The Graduate School provides:

- Stipend of \$18,360;
- Payment of tuition and most fee (differential fee is not paid);
- Medical insurance supplement.

The graduate program commits one additional year 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 two years.

## **Award Terms and Conditions**

Recipients must:

- be enrolled and maintain status 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 David M. Knox 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 David M. Knox 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).