Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
GUIDELINES FOR 2015-2016 DOCTORAL DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS
IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ODEI) invites nominations for Doctoral Diversity Fellowships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

ODEI, which reports to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, was established in part to “increase the number of underrepresented graduate and undergraduate students applying for admission to and attending the University.” The Doctoral Diversity Fellowship is one among a number of initiatives that are intended to achieve this goal. Moreover, this initiative contributes to SUNY’s mission “to provide the people of New York educational services of the highest quality, with the broadest possible access representative of all segments of the population.”

In February 2012, in a report to the President entitled “Engage to Excel: Producing 1,000,000 Additional College Graduates with Degrees in STEM,” the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) highlighted the urgency/need in increasing STEM degrees by 35% over existing rates, if the country is to retain its historical pre-eminence in Science and Technology. This program is intended to assist New York State in training and graduating students with doctorates in the critically necessary STEM fields.

The fellowships will be awarded to academically exceptional students who have been admitted to SUNY’s doctoral granting institutions and will commence their graduate studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields (STEM) during the 2015-16 academic year. However, students currently enrolled in master’s program in STEM fields who can academically transition to doctoral programs can be nominated by their institutions.

To be eligible, students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Institutions are advised to nominate students who overcame a disadvantage or notable impediment, including economic hardship, to graduate from college. Membership in a racial/ethnic group that is historically underrepresented in STEM doctoral programs within SUNY may serve as a plus factor in the institution’s decision to nominate a student for a Doctoral Diversity Fellowship award.

For procedural questions, please contact the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at (518) 320-1189.
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ODEI’s funding commitment will only be for a one-year period starting this coming fall. There will be a total of two awards (a stipend of $20,000 plus an additional $2,000 to support research and professional development) for entering doctoral students or currently enrolled eligible Masters students starting Fall 2015.

Only nominations submitted by the Chief Academic Officer will be considered. A statement from the Provost attesting to the applicant’s contribution to diversifying the graduate student body is required. The nomination must include a copy of student’s application portfolio and a statement from either the Graduate Dean or Academic Unit head attesting to the student’s academic qualifications for graduate work.

Applications are due no later than March 13, 2015.

Disbursement of funds under the Doctoral Diversity Fellowship Program is contingent on the institution granting a full tuition waiver or tuition offset during this period. Institutions are also required to guarantee financial support for students who are in good academic standing and are making progress toward the completion of the doctoral degree.

Awards will be announced on March 27, 2015.

Please submit FOUR complete packets to:

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