

Prestigious Diversity Fellowship

Application Form Overview

The Graduate School is pleased to offer the Prestigious Diversity Fellowship to support the recruitment of graduate students from historically underrepresented backgrounds who demonstrate scholarly promise at OSU.

This award is a lucrative financial award that supports new graduate students with their transition to graduate education and celebrates their future contributions at OSU.

In the online application form, be prepared to provide the following information:

1. Has the nominee been regularly admitted or recommended for graduate study through the domestic student application?
2. Will the nominee be a full-time, graduate degree seeking student in an OSU doctoral program, or in an OSU master's program where a doctoral degree does not exist at OSU during the 2022-2023 academic year?
3. Does the nominee have a GPA of 3.0 or above?
4. Each nominee must meet at least two of the criteria outlined below. Please identify each of the criteria below relevant to your nominee:

Nominee attended a minority-serving institution for at least two years of their undergraduate degree or have a degree conferred from a minority-serving institution, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education

Nominee previously participated in a TRIO Program (Educational Opportunity Center, Talent Search, Student Support Services, Upward Bound, McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program)

Nominee previously participated in a College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)

Nominee previously participated in a summer research program for underrepresented undergraduates

Nominee is the first generation in their family to have attended a four-year institution and attained a bachelor's degree

Nominee has overcome substantial educational or economic obstacles

5. Nominee
 - a. First name
 - b. Last name
 - c. Student ID
 - d. degree type
 - e. College
 - f. Program
 - g. OSU email
6. Nominator
 - a. First name
 - b. Last name
 - c. OSU email
 - d. Title/position at OSU
 - e. Award contact first name
 - f. Award contact last name

- g. Award contact OSU email
- 7. A nominating letter (*1 page maximum*) from the unit head/chair/graduate program director describing: (a) the nominee's eligibility for the award, with specific discussion and supporting documentation, as to which eligibility criteria the nominee meets and how; and (b) a detailed explanation as to how they envision the unit will financially support the student for the remainder of their graduate degree.
- 8. A statement from the nominee (*1 page maximum*) that speaks to the following areas:
 - a. Their academic merit and intellectual vitality
 - b. A discussion of their skills, knowledge, and previous experiences and how those contribute/will contribute to fostering an inclusive and diverse university community
 - c. How this award will support them in their graduate studies
- 9. A nominating letter (*1 page maximum*) from college leadership or the nominee's major professor, unit chair/head addressing the following:
 - a. The nominee's previous academic success, scholarly potential, and the potential to grow and succeed in graduate studies
 - b. The nominee's life experiences and background including the diversity and richness of an individual's background and the value those bring to the academic context
 - c. The nominee's commitment, persistence, and leadership including personal resolve, dedication, and initiative
- 10. Copy of nominee's résumé/CV

**The information on this handout is subject to change at any time. Please review the award page and nomination form for the most current award information/requirements. All nominations must be submitted electronically through Qualtrics*