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Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs

Predoctoral, Dissertation, and Postdoctoral Awards

- Administered by the Fellowships Office
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Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs Goals

Through its program of fellowships, the Ford Foundation seeks to increase the diversity of the nation's college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and to increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.

Eligibility

- U.S. citizens, nationals, permanent residents and individuals granted deferred status under the DACA program

- Currently enrolled or will be enrolled in Ph.D. or Sc.D. degree program by the following fall term

- Stated commitment to diversity

- Studying a research-based discipline

- Intend to pursue a career in teaching or research at the college or university level

Eligible Fields of Study

- Ph.D. or Sc.D. study in an eligible research-based (dissertation required) field

- Eligible fields (broad list) include: sciences, technology, engineering, mathematics, social sciences, humanities and education

- Ineligible fields include: medicine, law, social work, public health, information science, or other practice-based disciplines

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Predoctoral Specifics

- Three years of support- $24,000/yr. for three years

- Must be near or at the beginning of graduate study

- "Verification of Predoctoral Degree Status" form signed by adviser required if already enrolled in PhD program at application

- GRE scores: not required, but recommended*

*Note: GRE scores will only be accepted from applicants not yet accepted to graduate school

Dissertation Specifics

- One year of support - $25,000

- Intended for final year of writing and defense of dissertation

- Must be all but dissertation (ABD) meaning all requirements (except for writing and defense of dissertation) completed by supplementary materials deadline

- Verification of Doctoral Degree Status Form

- Should plan to complete the dissertation during the 2017-2018 academic year; no later than fall 2018

Postdoctoral Specifics

- One year of fellowship support - $45,000

- PhD or ScD degree must be awarded by application deadline and no more than 7 years prior

- Host Institution – recommended that it be other than employing institution

- Fellowship is also tenable at hospitals, libraries, museums and other non-academic institutions

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Predoctoral Benefits

- Approximately 60 fellowship awards will be made

- $24,000 stipend per year/three years of support

- Expenses paid to attend at least one Conference of Ford Fellows

- Access to Ford Fellow Liaisons, a network of Ford Fellow volunteers who will provide mentoring and support to current Ford Fellows

Dissertation Benefits

- Approximately 36 fellowship awards will be made

- $25,000 fellowship stipend for one year of fellowship support

- Expenses paid to attend at least one annual Conference of Ford Fellows

- Access to Ford Fellow Liaisons, a network of Ford Fellow volunteers who will provide mentoring and support to current Ford Fellows

Postdoctoral Benefits

- 20 fellowships

- $45,000 fellowship stipend award for one year; may be paid through employing institution in order to retain benefits/salary

- Expenses paid to attend at least one annual Conference of Ford Fellows

- Access to Ford Fellow Liaisons, a network of Ford Fellow volunteers who will provide mentoring and support to current Ford Fellows

Conference of Ford Fellows

A select group of high-achieving scholars from diverse backgrounds

•Networking with peers and elders

•Meetings with university & academic presses

•Career advancement workshops

•Interaction with established & emerging scholars in diverse fields

Simple Things

- Start early

- Use all resources provided:

  - Program website - read through all pages

  - Online application components

  - Helpful Resources

  - Application Instructions

- Content and technical help available

- Be consistent in narrative parts of application

- Proofread your documents

- Cultivate your letters of reference

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Letters of Recommendation

- Minimum three required; stronger applications have historically included four letters; five letter maximum

- Contact information including email address must be entered by the applicant for each recommender

- Applicants notify recommenders via the application; email sent to recommenders with login and password

- Applicants may re-notify recommenders at will*

  *use care not to notify recommenders too often

- Letters are uploaded by the recommender directly to applicant's application file

- Receipt of letters may be monitored by the applicant; receipt date is posted by the online application system once submitted

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Statement of Previous Research and Scholarly Productivity

- Particularly important in sciences and social sciences

- Mention all undergraduate research experiences – as part of classwork or in activities outside of class (internships, summer research programs, etc.)

- Explain how your experience prepares you for graduate study

- List your Publications and Presentations (from the last five years)

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Proposed Plan of Graduate Study and Research

- Describe long-range goals; include realistic timeline to reach goals

- Start early so you can revise; share draft with your adviser, faculty member, or other colleague to review for typos and grammatical errors

- Be concise and specific; do not repeat previous research verbatim – illustrate how you will expand upon previous research with your proposal

- Avoid excessive jargon

Personal Statement

Address all of the following that apply:

- capacity to respond in pedagogically productive ways to the learning needs of students from diverse backgrounds
- sustained personal engagement with communities that are underrepresented in the academy and ability to bring this asset to learning, teaching and scholarship at the college or university level
- Likelihood of using the diversity of human experiences as an educational resources in teaching and scholarship

Personal Statement (cont.)

- Membership in one or more of the underrepresented groups whose representation in the American professoriate has been severe and longstanding

- Describe past and ongoing community service efforts including:

  - tutoring and mentoring students in challenging environments

  - Leadership and organizational skills that benefit a larger community

  - Participation in housing or public service projects

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Additional Application Items

- Annotated Bibliography:

  -Required for all Dissertation and Postdoctoral applicants

  -Cite up to ten primary and secondary sources for the proposed plan with a two to four sentence description for each source

- Supplementary Materials -confirm the minimum submission requirements for the specific level of fellowship

Online Application

http://national-academies.org/ford

1. Register for the online application-create login (email address), and password

2. Complete required forms and upload essay documents

3. Each essay should be saved as a separate file (obey page limitations)

4. View all essays and transcripts after upload

5. BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION!

Ford Fellowships Program Homepage

http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/index.htm

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FORD FOUNDATION PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Eligibility to apply for a predoctoral fellowship is limited to:

- All citizens, nationals, and permanent residents (holders of a Permanent Resident Card) of the United States, as well as individuals granted deferred action status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program, regardless of race, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation,
- Individuals with evidence of superior academic achievement (such as grade point average, class rank, honors, or other designations),
- Individuals committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level,
- Individuals enrolled in or planning to enroll in an eligible **research-based** (**dissertation-required**), program leading to a Ph.D. or Sc.D. degree at a **non-proprietary (not for profit)** U.S. institution of higher education,
- Individuals who as of the 2017 fall semester require a minimum of three years of study to complete their Ph.D./Sc.D. degree, and
- Individuals who have not earned a doctoral degree at any time, in any field.
- Individuals who will be pursuing a doctoral degree in an eligible field of study.

Receipt of the fellowship award is conditioned upon each awardee providing satisfactory documentation that he or she meets the eligibility requirements.

HOW TO APPLY

Follow the steps below to prepare and submit an application for a Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship.

1. Read through the following:
   - **Predoctoral Fellowship Fact Sheet**
   - **Predoctoral Application Instructions**
   - **Predoctoral Supplementary Materials Requirements and Deadlines**

2. Familiarize yourself with **Navigating the Online Application**.

3. **Start an application here**.

Applicants should note that it is their responsibility to ensure that all application components--including all supplementary materials--have been entered, uploaded, and submitted by the specified deadlines.

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NAVIGATING THE ONLINE APPLICATION

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2016 Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs competition is scheduled to open in September 2015.

Please continue to monitor this site for future announcements.

2016 Predoctoral application deadline:

Follow the step-by-step instructions below:

Registering and Creating a Login and Password

1. Go to the Login Page.
2. Select **Fellowship Application**.
3. Select **Create new login and password**.
4. Enter information in the fields provided.
5. Keep a record of your login information in a secure place for future use.

Please refrain from creating multiple login IDs and passwords as it causes confusion for future log in attempts.

Selecting Pages of the Application and Entering Data

1. Locate the page you wish to complete by selecting it from the left navigation panel.
2. Follow the instructions provided for each section.
3. Enter the appropriate information on the page (information can be entered on any page of the application in any order).
4. **Save** your work on each page.
5. Select **Logout** when you wish to exit the current session.

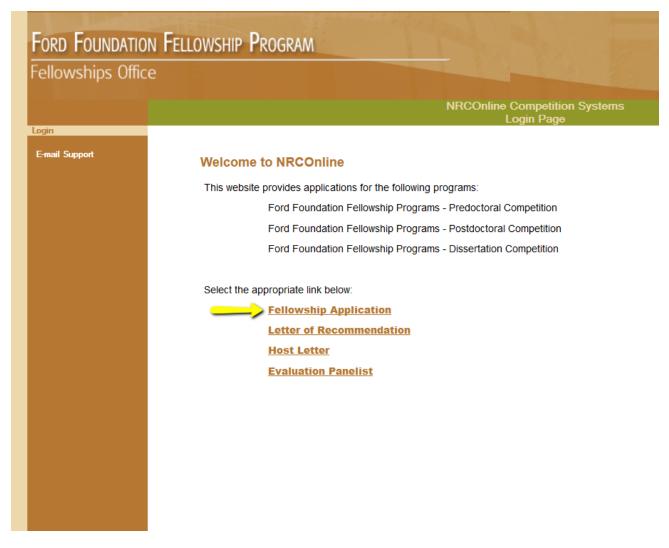**Adding and Notifying Recommendation Writers**

1. Select **Recommender Info** from the left navigation panel.
2. Select **Click Here to Add an Individual**.
3. Enter information for the recommendation writer and click **Save**.
4. Click **Notify** to send the recommendation writer an e-mail notification containing their login information and a request to upload a letter on your behalf.
5. Monitor the receipt of your recommendation letter through the online application module. Click **Notify Again** to send the recommendation writer another notification.

Contact your recommendation writers personally to advise them that they will be receiving an e-mail notification from FordContentSupport@nas.edu and confirm with them that they have received the message once you have sent the notification.

Uploading Application Component Documents

1. Select **Uploads** in the left navigation panel.
2. Follow the instructions provided for each section.
3. Click **Browse**, then select and open the file you wish to upload.
4. Click **Upload** (it may take several moments for the page to refresh).
5. Once the file has been successfully uploaded, select **View File** to ensure you have uploaded the correct document and it appears as you wish.

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2017 Submission Deadlines

- Dissertation and Postdoctoral Application Submission Deadline:

    -November 10, 2016

- Predoctoral Application Submission Deadline:

    -November 17, 2016

- Supplementary Materials Receipt Deadline:

    -January 10, 2017 (all levels)

Good Luck!

To contact the Fellowship Office:

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