

## Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs

<http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/fellowships/>

**Deadline:** November

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### Fields of Study

Awards will be made for study in research-based Ph.D. or Sc.D. programs that include the following major disciplines and related interdisciplinary fields: anthropology, archaeology, art history, astronomy, chemistry, communications, computer science, earth sciences, economics, education, engineering, ethnomusicology, geography, history, international relations, language, life sciences, linguistics, literature, mathematics, performance study, philosophy, physics, political science, psychology, religion, sociology, and urban planning. Awards will *not* be made in practice-oriented programs or areas such as areas as medicine, law, and public health.

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### Description

Through its Fellowship Programs, 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.

Ford Foundation Fellowship awards are offered at the Predoctoral, Dissertation and Postdoctoral levels. Fellowships are awarded in a national competition. Awards are made to individuals who, in the judgment of the review panels, have demonstrated superior academic achievement, are committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level, show promise of future achievement as scholars and teachers, and are well prepared to use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.

To be eligible for a Ford Foundation Fellowship award you must be a citizen of the United States, demonstrate evidence of superior academic achievement (such as grade point average, class rank, honors or other designations), and be committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level. Awards will be made for study in research-based Ph.D. or Sc.D. programs; practice oriented degree programs are not eligible for support.

In addition to the fellowship award, Ford Fellows are eligible to attend the Conference of Ford Fellows, a unique national conference of a select group of high-achieving scholars committed to diversifying the professoriate and using diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.

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## **Criteria for Selection**

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The following will be considered as positive factors in choosing successful candidates:

- Evidence of superior academic achievement
- Degree of promise of continuing achievement as scholars and teachers.
- Membership in one or more of the following groups whose underrepresentation in the American professoriate has been severe and longstanding:
  - Alaska Natives (Eskimo or Aleut)
  - Black/African Americans
  - Mexican Americans/Chicanas/Chicanos
  - Native American Indians
  - Native Pacific Islanders (Polynesian/Micronesian)
  - Puerto Ricans
- 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 an ability to bring this asset to learning, teaching, and scholarship at the college and university level
- Likelihood of using the diversity of human experience as an educational resource in teaching and scholarship.

Review panels may also look at additional factors such as the suitability of the proposed institution for the applicant's plan of graduate study and the likelihood that the applicant will fully utilize three years of support including a year of course work.

Eligible: All citizens or nationals of the United States regardless of race, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation. Permanent residents are not eligible. Applicants must provide evidence of superior academic achievement (such as grade point average, class rank, honors or other designations) and commitment to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level.

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## **Application Procedure**

Online application materials are available from late August. Applicants need to submit the application to meet the November deadline. Predoctoral Fellowship applicants are required to submit scores from the GRE general aptitude test by December/January. The

National Research Council will notify all applicants early in April of the status of their applications.

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**Additional Information**

The Ford Foundation funds several programs Predoctoral, Dissertation, and Post-doctoral.

See <http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/index.htm>