

FIU Inclusion Fellowship Guidelines 2020

The Inclusion Fellowship was created by the University Graduate School to encourage promising undergraduate and master's students who are underrepresented minorities* to pursue a Ph.D. degree at Florida International University. The Inclusion Fellowship will support Ph.D. students in **any discipline** for up to two years starting in the Fall 2020 term. Two additional years of funding will be provided by the graduate program through a teaching or research assistantship. **Preference will be given to students with prior research experience.**

*Students with disabilities; students from racial and ethnic groups that have been shown to be underrepresented on a national basis (Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Native Americans, and Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders); students who identify as LGBTQ; women (regardless of ethnicity) in degree programs where female enrollment at FIU is **less than 30%**; and others disadvantaged by circumstances that have negatively impacted their educational opportunities.

Award benefits include:

- \$24,000 annual stipend for the first 2 years; then 2 additional years of funding support from the fellow's graduate program (as a Teaching or Research Assistant)
- Tuition waiver (9 graduate credits in Fall and Spring, 6 graduate credits in the Summer)
- Health insurance

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Be applying to a Ph.D. degree program at FIU for the Fall 2020 term (currently enrolled graduate students are not eligible)
- Have a GPA of 3.2 or higher in undergraduate or graduate coursework

Nominations:

Each Ph.D. degree-granting program may submit up to **two nominations**.

The unit must commit to the GA appointment equivalent to .50 FTE for two years at \$24,000 per year.

Nominations are submitted by the admitting graduate academic program via the FIU Inclusion Fellowship Nomination Form.

In addition to the completed nomination form, the following supporting documents are also required:

1. Student's personal statement outlining his/her undergraduate accomplishments and graduate education goals
2. Student's Resume/CV
3. Recommendation letter from proposed FIU mentor in graduate program
4. A cover letter from the Graduate Program Director providing a justification for nominating the student

Nomination Form Deadline:

The FIU Inclusion Fellowship Nomination Form and all supporting documents must be submitted in a single pdf file/ application to the UGS at ugsfellows@fiu.edu, no later than **Friday, February 21, 2020**.

Contact Information - For further information or assistance, please contact Claudia Balzán at cbalzan@fiu.edu or 305-348-2604.



FIU Inclusion Fellowship Nomination Form

Nominee Section

(to be completed by the GPD) Please complete the section below and submit form along with the required documents.

Panther ID: _____ Name: _____
Last First MI
 Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Nominee's Academic Performance:

Overall Undergraduate GPA _____
 GPA in Grad Coursework (if any) _____

Degrees Earned:

- B.A. / B.S. Major _____ Year Earned _____
 M.A. / M.S. Major _____ Year Earned _____

FIU graduate program the nominee is entering:

Ph.D. program in _____

Please attach the following:

- Student's personal statement outlining his/her undergraduate accomplishments and graduate education goals
- A Resume/CV

FIU Graduate Program Section

(to be signed by the Graduate Program Director and Department Chair) Please complete section below and submit form along with required supporting documentation in one pdf file/ application to ugsfellows@fiu.edu

Please indicate your unit's nomination and verify matching support:

- Ph.D. Nominees:** Our Unit is nominating the above student into the Ph.D. program in _____. Our unit commits to providing this student a graduate assistantship (TA or RA) at a minimum annual stipend of \$24,000 during the third and fourth years of his/her Ph.D. program.

Please attach the following:

- A letter from the student's proposed mentor, outlining the mentor's research interests and qualifications, including his/her record of successfully mentoring students and obtaining external funding
- A cover letter from the Graduate Program Director providing a justification for nominating this student

Graduate Program Director : _____
Name (Print) Signature Date

Department Chair : _____
Name (Print) Signature Date

Department: _____ Telephone: _____

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