

Inclusion Fellowship Guidelines- Fall 2021

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 2021 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.

For Fall 2021 admissions, Inclusion Fellows will have two options:

1. Inclusion Fellows receive **\$24,000** annual stipend for the first 2 years, a tuition waiver for 24 credits per year and health insurance funded by UGS. The fellow's graduate program is expected to provide two additional years of funding support through a Teaching or Research Assistantship.
2. Inclusion Fellows receive a **\$18,000** annual stipend for the first 2 years, a tuition waiver for 24 credits per year and health insurance funded by UGS. The fellow's graduate program is expected to provide two additional years of funding support at the GA- rate through a Teaching or Research Assistantship. **In addition, Inclusion Fellows will receive two years of housing at The One.**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Be applying to a Ph.D. degree program at FIU for the Fall 2021 term (currently enrolled graduate students are not eligible)
- Have a GPA of 3.2 or higher in undergraduate or graduate coursework

NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

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

Nomination form (attached) needs to be submitted with supporting documentation.

- To submit completed electronic nominations, UGS will provide a **unique** link to each Academic Program.
- Please e-mail ugsfellows@fiu.edu to request your link, **do not** e-mail your nominations.
- Nominations should be uploaded as separate files.
- Hard copy submissions will not be accepted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

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 (It can be same statement used in the PhD application).
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

TIMELINE:

Friday, February 19, 2021

Deadline for Graduate Program Director to submit completed electronic applications using unique link provided by UGS

Week of Monday, March 15, 2021

Selection Committee meets to make award recommendations

Week of Monday, March 22, 2021

The UGS notifies departments of awards and sends official letter to all applicants

Contact Information – For further information or assistance, please contact Claudia Balzán at cbalzan@fiu.edu.



FIU Inclusion Fellowship Nomination Form

Nominee's Name (Last, First, Middle)	Panther ID	Personal Email	FIU Email	
Department/School				
Nominee's Academic Performance				
GPA Overall Undergraduate GPA _____				
GPA in Undergrad Major coursework _____				
GPA in Grad Coursework (if any) _____				
All Post-Secondary Education Name of Institution	Dates of Attendance		Major	Degree and Year Earned
	From	To		
Fellowship Type:				
Please indicate which option the student prefers if awarded the Inclusion Fellowship:				
Option 1: Fellowship providing a \$24,000 stipend for 4 years (no housing)				
Option 2: Fellowship at a reduced stipend of \$18,000 for the first 2 years, then at the GA- rate for an additional two years, plus housing at The One for two years				
Endorsement of the nomination indicates the unit's commitment to match UGS's support, such that the Fellow will receive a minimum stipend at the GA-rate for two years.				
Chair Name: _____		Signature: _____		Date: _____
Please Print				