

Inclusion Fellowship Guidelines- Fall 2023

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 two years starting in the Fall 2023 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:

- \$27,324 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 2023 term (currently enrolled graduate students are **not** eligible)
- Have a GPA of 3.2 or higher in undergraduate or graduate coursework

NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

This is a department-nominated award (students cannot apply directly). Each doctoral 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 \$27,324 per year.

Nomination form (attached) needs to be submitted with supporting documentation by no later than **Sunday, January 15, 2023**.

- 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 (one file per nominee).

- 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. A cover letter from the Graduate Program Director providing a justification for nominating the student

TIMELINE:

Sunday, January 15, 2023

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

Week of Monday, February 20, 2023

Selection Committee meets to make award recommendations

Week of Monday, February 27, 2023

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
Nominee's Personal Email
Nominee's FIU Email
Department/School
Nominee's Academic Performance GPA Overall Undergraduate GPA _____ GPA in Grad Coursework (if any) _____
Identification Information (Select one) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident </div>
<p>Endorsement Our Unit is nominating the above student into the Doctoral program and commits to providing this student a graduate assistantship (TA or RA) for two years of their doctoral program at \$27,324 per year.</p> <p>Chair Name: _____</p> <p>Department: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>

Note: The Inclusion Fellowship is only for underrepresented minorities as defined above.