

## Inclusion Fellowship Guidelines- Fall 2024

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 2024 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.** This is a department-nominated award (students cannot apply directly with UGS).

\*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 2024 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 14, 2024**.

- To submit completed electronic nominations, UGS will provide a **unique** link to each Academic Program.
- Please e-mail [ugsfellows@fiu.edu](mailto: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 their 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 14, 2024**

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

### **Week of Monday, February 19, 2024**

Selection Committee meets to make award recommendations

### **Week of Monday, February 26, 2024**

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

Contact Information – For further information or assistance, please contact [ugsfellows@fiu.edu](mailto:ugsfellows@fiu.edu).



## FIU Inclusion Fellowship Nomination Form

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| <b>Nominee's Name (Last, First)</b>   |
| <b>Panther ID</b>   |
| <b>Nominee's Personal Email</b>   |
| <b>Nominee's FIU Email</b>  |
| <b>Department/School</b>  |
| <b>Nominee's Academic Performance</b><br>GPA Overall Undergraduate GPA _____<br>GPA in Grad Coursework (if any) _____   |
| <b>Identification Information (Select one)</b><br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>U.S. Citizen</span> <span>Permanent Resident</span> </div>   |
| <b>Endorsement</b> 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.<br><br>Chair Name: _____<br>Department: _____<br>Signature: _____ Date: _____ |

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