

**Dean's Diversity Fellowships (DDF)
2010-2011**

Provisions

The Dean's Diversity Fellowship is designed to attract new doctoral students to Wayne State University; it cannot be awarded to continuing students. The fellowship covers one academic year during which fellows have no service requirements. The fellowship includes a stipend of \$25,000, tuition up to twelve graduate credits per term, as well as subsidized medical and dental insurance for twelve months. Graduate programs must accept responsibility for supporting the student in the subsequent three years of study at the same level of funding as the fellowship. Four fellowship awards will be allocated each academic year.

Eligibility

This competitive fellowship program is for newly admitted doctoral students in physical, life, and mathematical sciences, technology and engineering fields, plus the social and behavioral sciences. The graduate director of the doctoral program to which the nominee has applied nominates the student. A department may advance only one nomination per year. Nominations are due by **the second Monday in February**. Award announcements will be made by March 1.

Nominations are encouraged for minorities, women, persons with disabilities or individuals from cultural, linguistic, geographic, and socio-economic backgrounds who otherwise would not be adequately represented in the doctoral program. Eligible nominees must be United States citizens, or permanent residents, and not hold a degree previously earned at Wayne State University.

Fellows must register for a minimum of eight credit hours fall and winter semesters, maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average each semester, and otherwise make satisfactory progress towards the degree. Fellows may not hold graduate assistantships, other fellowships, internships, traineeships, scholarships, or any other employment during the fellowship period.

Application Process

Departments nominate candidates by submitting a letter of application to Crystal Turner, Diversity Program Coordinator, The Graduate School, 4012 F/AB, Detroit, MI 48202, or e-mail: cturner@wayne.edu.

Nomination letters must demonstrate:

- the outstanding academic credentials of the student, including undergraduate major and institution;
- provision for supporting the student in the subsequent three years of study at the same level of funding;
- an accelerated academic development plan for the fellowship year (see form).

