



GUIDELINES FOR THE GRADUATE DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

SUNY-ESF's Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program provides financial support, which may include full in-state tuition and a stipend, to graduate students who contribute to the diversity of the student body in their graduate programs and have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education. Recipients must be full-time students during the period of the award; in most cases this means enrollment in a minimum of 12 graduate credits applicable toward the degree each semester. Continuation of the award is contingent upon maintaining satisfactory progress toward the degree. Funding is available for a maximum duration of two years for a master's degree and three years for a doctoral degree.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a SUNY-ESF Graduate Diversity Fellowship, an applicant must:

- 1) be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident status in the U.S.;
- 2) be admitted to a graduate degree program at SUNY-ESF;
- 3) be able to contribute to diversity in their graduate degree program;
- 4) have overcome a disadvantage, or other impediment to success, in higher education;
- 5) have high intellectual and professional promise; and
- 6) be recommended by the Title IX and Affirmative Action Coordinator to the chair of the Faculty to which application for admission has been made.

OBLIGATIONS

An important component of the Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program at SUNY-ESF is a service requirement within the Office of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (OIDE) for 40 hours each semester. In cooperation with the ESF Promoting Recruitment, Opportunity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Growth (PRODiG) effort, fellows will work to plan and implement activities related to retention of women faculty of all races in STEM fields ("WSTEM") and underrepresented minority ("URM") populations for the ESF community throughout the academic year.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application below should be completed and sent to: Scott Shannon, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, SUNY-ESF, 227 Bray Hall - 1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse, NY, 13210-2787. To be given full consideration completed applications must be received by February 15 for fall semester enrollment and by November 1 for spring semester. Contact OIDE for more information at (315)-565-3016.

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Selection will be based on meeting the eligibility requirements described above, quality of prior academic record (as reflected in transcripts) and the Contributions to Diversity Statement in the application form. Notification will be made by March 15 for applicants seeking admission for fall and December 1 for applicants seeking admission in spring.



APPLICATION FOR SUNY GRADUATE DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

Please read eligibility criteria in the program guidelines before completing this application.

Name _____ Mailing Address _____
Street

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

I have submitted an application for full-time (minimum of 12 credits) matriculated graduate study at
SUNY-ESF for: Fall _____ Spring _____ Year of Entry _____ in the _____
_____ program.
Graduate Degree Program

Diversity Statement:

In 250 words or less, explain how you will contribute to diversity in the student body in the graduate program to which you seek admission. Examples could include, but are not limited to: as a member of a group underrepresented in the field; as a first-generation college student; as a person with disabilities; and/or as a person from an economically disadvantaged background. If you have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education, please explain how you did so.

I have read, and I understand, the Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program Guidelines, and I testify to the accuracy of the information in this application, including my Diversity Statement.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Submit this application and your Diversity Statement to:

Scott Shannon, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
SUNY-ESF
227 Bray Hall - 1 Forestry Drive
Syracuse, NY, 13210-2787

This application and your Diversity Statement will be reviewed and recommendations made to the academic unit at the time of the admission decision.