

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 of 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;
and
- 5) Have high intellectual promise.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application below should be completed and sent to: Katherina Searing, Assistant 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 May 15 for fall semester and by November 1 for spring semester.

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. Application review will begin on May 15 for applicants seeking admission for fall and December 1 for applicants seeking admission in spring.

This application and your Diversity Statement will be reviewed, and recommendations made to the academic unit.



APPLICATION FOR SUNY GRADUATE DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

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

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I have submitted an application for matriculated graduate study at SUNY ESF for:

Fall _____ Spring _____

For continuing ESF students, year of entry in graduate program:

Degree level _____ Program of Study _____

Anticipated number of credits you will take in the next academic year: _____

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, your CV and your Diversity Statement to:

Katherina Searing

Graduate School, SUNY ESF

227 Bray Hall – 1 Forestry Drive

Syracuse, NY, 13210-2787