

SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship Buffalo State

State University of New York offers a fellowship program to recruit, enroll, and retain students who will contribute to the diversity of the student body in the university's graduate and professional programs. Each year this program funds five hundred students throughout SUNY colleges and universities.

Awards

Students who are awarded a Graduate Diversity Fellowship may receive a full tuition scholarship (at least 9 graduate credit hours per semester) and/or a stipend for three semesters. Students must be matriculated in a graduate program and register for full-time coursework to receive funding.

Up to fifteen (15) graduate credit hours of tuition can be funded each fall and spring semester. (The tuition amount will be adjusted for in-state tuition). It is the student's responsibility to pay all college fees and mandatory student health insurance [[Weigel Health Center](#)].

- Fellows must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA each semester and be making progress through their program to continue to receive funding.
- Fellows must complete an [Application for Graduate Tuition Scholarship](#) each semester.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- U.S. citizens or hold permanent resident status.
- Must demonstrate that they would contribute to the diversity of the student body in the program for which they are pursuing, including having overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education.
- Accepted as matriculated, full-time students (registering for at least 9 graduate credits each semester) in a graduate program.
- Applying for other financial aid programs that may be available to them through other sources. This allows the college to maximize funds available under the fellowship program.

How to Apply

1. Complete the fellowship application by the application deadline.

Application Deadlines:

Fall semester: July 1st

Spring semester: November 1st

2. Submit three letters of recommendation addressing your academic ability and worthiness of this award. One letter should be from your department chair.
3. Please state how you can demonstrate that you will contribute to the diversity of the student body in your program or school, primarily by demonstrating that you have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education.
4. Submit a statement of professional interests and career goals.
5. Submit your application, statement, and letters of recommendation to the Graduate School, SUNY Buffalo State, Cleveland Hall 204, 1300 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14222 by the application deadline.

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Application

Fellowship application deadlines are fall – July 1st and spring – November 1st.
Fellowship Application for Fall _____ Spring 20_____

1. Social Security No. _____ Banner No. _____

2. Name: _____
Last First M.I. Other Name(s)

3. Mailing Address: _____
Street
City State Zip

4. Home Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

5. (Optional) Please indicate to what racial/ethnic group you identify yourself as a member of:
 American Indian Asian Black or African American Hispanic or Latino American
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White (non Hispanic or Latino) Other _____

6. Gender: Female Male

7. Bachelor's Degree Granting Institution: _____

8. Program and Degree to which you have been accepted:

Degree	Program
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9. As an undergraduate, were you an EOP student? Yes No
Are you a Graduate Assistant? Yes No

Directions:

- Submit three (3) letters of recommendation (one from your department chair) attesting to your academic ability and worthiness of this award to:
The Graduate School at SUNY Buffalo State
1300 Elmwood Avenue, Cleveland Hall 204
Buffalo, New York 14222
- Contribution to Diversity:** Please state how you can demonstrate that you contribute to the diversity of the student body in your program or school, primarily by demonstrating that you have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education (1-2 typed pages).
- Statement of Professional Interests and Career Goals:** Please write a brief statement of reasons for seeking this fellowship. Describe the professional experience, interests, and goals that are pertinent to your application (1-2 typed pages).

I certify that the information submitted in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read and agree to the guidelines of the fellowship should I be granted this award.

Signature of Applicant

Date

10.14.15