



*The State University  
of New York*

## **Graduate Diversity Fellowship Application**



The Graduate Diversity Fellowship is designed to increase the diversity of Potsdam's graduate student population. The Fellowship is available on a competitive basis to eligible U.S. citizens or permanent residents with proof of citizenship.

**Eligibility:**

(Applicants must meet the following criteria)

Be matriculated in a graduate program at SUNY Potsdam

Be enrolled for full-time study (minimum of 9 graduate credits each semester) Be a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident (Proof of citizenship will be required) Must be a New York State Resident Adequately meet the diversity criteria set forth in the essay question below

**Awards:**

Students who are awarded a Diversity Fellowship may receive support for tuition and fees for the semester the award is given.

It is the student's responsibility to reconcile all college invoices and pay in full

Fellowship amounts are awarded on a term basis. New applications **must** be submitted each semester and awards will be made according to funds available and the number of students meeting the program criteria. Students must maintain a 3.0 graduate GPA in order to be considered for future funding

**How to Apply:**

1. Complete a Graduate Diversity Fellowship application form
- 2 Write a personal statement addressing how you will contribute to the diversity of the student body in the program for which you are applying. This may include a statement indicating how you have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to achieving success in higher education.
- 3 One letter of recommendation (in addition to those needed for admission) specifically addressing how you will contribute to the diversity of the student body.
- 4 Send your Graduate Diversity Fellowship application packet addressed to:

**Nicole Zeledon**

**Graduate and Continuing Education**

**Raymond Hall 206, SUNY Potsdam**

**44 Pierrepoint Ave.**

**Potsdam, NY 13676**

**Re-Evaluation:** Due to the highly competitive nature of this program, participation will be re-evaluated on a term basis according to the amount of money available and the number of students meeting the program criteria. To be considered for future funding, students should:

Be enrolled for full-time study (minimum of 9 graduate credits)

Maintain "Good Academic Standing" which is defined as maintaining a GPA of at least 3.0.

Complete Graduate Diversity Fellowship Funding application with request for renewal of funding.

**Additional Notes:**

The Diversity fellowship is only applicable for graduate courses taken at SUNY Potsdam, which fulfill requirements for the student's plan of study

If a student drops below the required 9-credit enrollment at any point within a semester that the fellowship is awarded, the student may be subject to losing the award and being disqualified from future funding. The student will then become liable for full graduate tuition charges. Contact Financial Aid as soon as possible as this action will affect your aid award

Graduate Diversity Fellowship funding is not available for summer or winterim semesters

**Application Deadlines:**

**Fall Semester - August 1**

**Spring Semester - December 15**

**Students already holding a master's degree from any college or university are ineligible for this particular fellowship.**



The Graduate Diversity Fellowship is open to U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents who are matriculated graduate students at SUNY Potsdam. Review the Fellowship guidelines page for additional information. Awards are based on the number of applicants and funding available each year. *The application deadline is **August 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall semester and December 15<sup>th</sup> for spring enrollment.***

**Initial Application (must submit essay and recommendation letters)**

**Continuing Support** *(no Essay/Recommendations Required)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Potsdam ID# *(if known)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/ State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Type (circle one): MA MS MST MM MSED Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Term GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

1) Anticipated Graduation?	Semester:	Year:
2) Did you participate in EOP, SEEK or HEOP as an undergraduate student?	Yes	No
2.2) If yes, are you currently receiving a Graduate Opportunity Program tuition waiver?	Yes	No
3) Are you currently employed as a Graduate Assistant or within the Graduate Advantage Program?	Yes	No
3.2) If yes, is your appointment half time or full time?	Half Time	Full Time
4) Are you currently receiving any other types of funding awards?	Yes	No
4.2) If yes, what are they? How much support do you receive?		

Please complete and return this application, along with requested materials by ***the deadlines above*** to:

**Nicole Zeledon**

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For further information, contact the Graduate and Continuing Education office

by phone at (315) 267-2165 or e-mail [graduate@potsdam.edu](mailto:graduate@potsdam.edu).

I affirm that all information is accurate and give permission to verify.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_