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)
✓ 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:
   Joshua J. LaFave
   c/o Center for Graduate Studies
   SUNY Potsdam
   44 Pierrepont 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 1st for the fall semester and December 15th for spring enrollment.

- Initial Application (must submit essay and recommendation letters)
- Continuing Support (no Essay/Recommendations Required)

Name: ____________________________ Potsdam ID # (if known): ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

Degree seeking (circle one): MA  MS  MM  MSED  MST  Program: ____________________________

Term GPA: ________________ Cumulative GPA: ________________

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<td>2) Did you participate in EOP, SEEK or HEOP as an undergraduate student?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>2.2) If yes, are you currently receiving a Graduate Opportunity Program tuition waiver?</td>
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<td>3) Are you currently employed as a Graduate Assistant or within the Graduate Advantage Program?</td>
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<td>4) Are you currently receiving any other types of funding awards?</td>
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Please complete and return this application, along with requested materials by **the deadlines above** to:

Joshua LaFave  
c/o Division of Graduate and Continuing Education  
SUNY Potsdam  
44 Pierrepont Avenue  
Potsdam, NY 13676

For further information, contact the Center for Graduate Studies by phone at (315) 267-4722 or e-mail graduate@potsdam.edu. Applications may be faxed to 315-267-3088.

I affirm that all information in this application is accurate and give permission for verification.

Student’s Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________