

The **Graduate Diversity Fellowship** is designed to increase the diversity of SUNY 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 (a minimum of 9 graduate credits).
- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent 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. Email your Graduate Diversity Fellowship application packet as an attachment to:

Dr. Alan Hersker
Graduate and Continuing Education
herskeal@potsdam.edu

Re-Evaluation:

- Due to the highly competitive nature of this program, participation will be re-evaluated on a term basis.
- Applicants requesting renewal of GDF funding must maintain full time enrollment (a minimum of 9 graduate credits).
- Applicants must maintain "Good Academic Standing" which is defined as a GPA of at least 3.0.
- Complete a Graduate Diversity Fellowship application with a request for renewal of funding.

Additional Notes:

- The Diversity Fellowship is only applicable for graduate coursework taken at SUNY Potsdam, which fulfills 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.

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 the spring semester.**

Check One:

- 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 (check one): MA MS MST MSED MM **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 _____
3. If yes, are you currently receiving a Graduate Opportunity Program Tuition Waiver?	Yes _____	No _____
4. Are you currently employed as a Graduate Assistant or within the Graduate Advantage Program?	Yes _____	No _____
5. If yes, is your appointment part time (GAP) or full time (GA)?	Part Time _____	Full Time _____
6. Are you currently receiving any other types of funding or awards?	Yes _____	No _____
7. If yes, what are they? How much support do you receive?	Type _____	Amount _____

***PLEASE NOTE: Students who already hold a graduate degree from any college or university are ineligible for this particular fellowship.**

Please complete and email this application, along with requested materials as attachment(s) by the deadlines above to:

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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.

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

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____