

2015 – 2016 Graduate Diversity Enhancement Fellowships
Graduate School
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Eligibility Criteria:

The fellowship is open to first-time enrollees who have been admitted to a graduate program of study at UTK for Fall 2015 with the intent of pursuing a doctoral or master's degree and who demonstrate significant potential to contribute to the Graduate School's educational mission and its diversity-related goals. Competition is open to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and international applicants. Applicants must be admitted (or admitted conditionally) to a degree program by the Office of Graduate Admissions by **March 25, 2015**. Admission will be confirmed by the Graduate School. Recipients of this award must also be enrolled as full-time students (minimum nine hours of graduate enrollment) for both Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters.

Award:

The award will provide: a) \$15,000 stipend, divided into monthly payments from August 2015 through May 2016, b) health insurance; and c) tuition, including in-state maintenance fees and out of state tuition.

Departments are not required, but strongly encouraged to offer an assistantship for continuing support.

Graduate students are responsible for any additional fees per semester hour assessed for any and all courses, along with their Health Fee, Technology Fees, Out-of-State Facilities Fee, and Transportation Fee.

This is a non-renewable fellowship and no portion of the fellowship may be deferred.

Fellowship Application Deadline: March 5, 2015 by 12:00 p.m.

Please return the application cover and checklist and required materials electronically to the Director of Graduate Studies in your department no later than **February 19, 2015. The Director of Graduate Studies is to submit the nominee's entire application packet electronically to the Graduate School at gradfellowships@utk.edu by 12:00 p.m. March 5, 2015.** No applications will be accepted after the deadline.

Awards will be announced on the Graduate School website on April 9, 2015.

Awardees must notify the Graduate School of acceptance of the fellowship by **April 21, 2015.**

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The University of Tennessee, Knoxville Graduate School is accepting applications for a graduate fellowship designed to promote the educational and related benefits of a diverse graduate student body. This fellowship will provide financial support to first-time enrolled graduate students demonstrating significant potential to contribute to the educational mission of the Graduate School by presenting one or more of a wide range of diverse attributes.

The Graduate School seeks to recruit, enroll, and retain qualified students who will benefit from educational and social interactions with peers who come from different backgrounds and who have different life experiences, perspectives, and goals. The Graduate School also seeks to prepare its students with an array of educational experiences that will prepare them for dealing effectively in an increasingly diverse and global workforce. This graduate fellowship program is designed to achieve these goals. The wide-ranging attributes that will contribute to the educational mission of the Graduate School include but are not limited to ethnic and cultural backgrounds or life experiences, career goals, social or economic disadvantage, disability status, age, race, and gender.

A student's demonstration of one or more of these attributes may be noted on ethnic background or gender information submitted on the Graduate School application for admission, nominee status as a McNair Scholar, or other attributes as noted in the personal essay or letter of support from the academic department.

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Application Checklist

Completed Application Cover

Professional Goals Essay

Compose an essay describing your professional goals and interest in pursuing a graduate degree to prepare you for those goals. The essay should be no more than 750 words.

Résumé

Attach a complete résumé including your educational background, work experience, honors, awards, and achievements. Number all pages and include your name on all pages.

Transcripts

Attach an official or unofficial transcript from all previous institutions.

Letter of Endorsement from Academic Program

The Director of Graduate Studies from the program to which you are applying must include a letter of endorsement with the rest of the application materials listed above. This letter should address your potential for success in the graduate program.

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