

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

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The Predoctoral Fellowship is a three-year fellowship, to be used over the course of five years. It pays \$20,000 a year and \$2,000 to your institution, valid at any accredited U.S. institution.

To be eligible, you must be a citizen or national of the U.S. with superior academic achievement, committed to a career in teaching and research at the college/university level, and enrolled/planning to enroll in a Ph.D or Sc.D. in an eligible field (such as physics). Individuals currently enrolled in a Ph.D. or Sc.D. program must provide evidence that they have at least three years remaining as of the fall 2013 term before they would receive their Ph.D. degree and at least one of the three years is comprised of full-time coursework.

The application requires 3 (4 strongly recommended) reference letters, a personal statement, previous research essay, a list of posters/presentations/publications, and an essay proposing research at a specific school (whether you're accepted yet or not) to be done in graduate school.

The following will be considered as positive factors in choosing successful candidates:

- Evidence of superior academic achievement
- Degree of promise of continuing achievement as scholars and teachers
- Capacity to respond in pedagogically productive ways to the learning needs of students from diverse backgrounds
- Sustained personal engagement with communities that are underrepresented in the academy and an ability to bring this asset to learning, teaching, and scholarship at the college and university level
- Likelihood of using the diversity of human experience as an educational resource in teaching and scholarship
- Membership in one or more of the following groups whose underrepresentation in the American professoriate has been severe and longstanding:
 - Alaska Natives (Aleut, Eskimo or other Indigenous People of Alaska)
 - Black/African-Americans
 - Mexican Americans/Chicanas/Chicanos
 - Native American Indians
 - Native Pacific Islanders (Hawaiian/Polynesian/Micronesian)
 - Puerto Ricans

Helpful Websites:

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