

SUNY PLATTSBURGH

GUIDELINES FOR THE GRADUATE DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

SUNY Plattsburgh's Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program provides full in-state tuition for up to six students per year who contribute to the diversity of the student body in their graduate program and have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education. The fellowship is awarded for two consecutive semesters and is limited to one award per person. Recipients must be full-time students during the period of the award; in most cases this means enrollment in a minimum of 12 graduate credits applicable toward the degree each semester. Continuation of the award into the second semester is contingent upon maintaining satisfactory progress toward a degree.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a SUNY Plattsburgh Graduate Diversity Fellowship, an application must:

- 1) be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident status in the U.S.;
- 2) be admitted to a master's or certificate of advanced study degree program at SUNY Plattsburgh;
- 3) be able to contribute to diversity in the graduate degree program;
- 4) have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education;
- 5) have high intellectual and professional promise; and
- 6) be recommended by the degree-granting faculty through the chair of the department to which application for admission has been made.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications are available on line at www.plattsburgh.edu/financialaid, and then click *Forms* on the left menu bar, and from the Office of Graduate Admission, SUNY Plattsburgh, 101 Broad Street, Plattsburgh, NY, 12901; (518) 564-4723; e-mail: graduate@plattsburgh.edu. In order for consideration, a completed fellowship application must be submitted by March 28 for applicants seeking admission in fall and by November 28 for applicants seeking admission in spring.

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Selection will be based on meeting the eligibility requirements described above, quality of prior academic record (as reflected in transcripts, appropriate test scores, and letters of recommendation included in the Admission Application), and financial need (as reflected in a FASFA or copy of most recent income tax statement). Notification will be made around May 1 for applicants seeking admission in fall and around January 15 for applicants seeking admission in spring.

OTHER FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE

Information about other forms of financial aid and assistance for graduate students is available online from the Financial Aid Office, www.plattsburgh.edu/financialaid. Click *Apply for Aid* on the left menu bar for instructions to apply for federal and state aid.

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Fellowship covers full in-state tuition up to \$6,900.00 per academic year

Please read eligibility criteria in the program guidelines before completing this application.

Name _____ Student ID # _____

Mailing Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

I have submitted an application for full-time (minimum of 12 credits) matriculated graduate study at SUNY Plattsburgh for: Fall _____ Spring _____ Year of Entry _____ in the _____ program.
Graduate Degree Program

Diversity Statement: In 250 words or less, explain how you will contribute to diversity in the student body in the graduate program to which you seek admission. Examples could include, but are not limited to: as a member of a group underrepresented in the field; as a first-generation college student; as a person with disabilities; and/or as a person from an economically disadvantaged background. If you have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education, please explain how you did so.

I have read, and I understand, the Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program Guidelines, and I testify to the accuracy of the information in this application, including my Diversity Statement.

Applicant Signature

Date

Submit this application and your Diversity Statement to:

Graduate Admissions Office
SUNY Plattsburgh
Kehoe 113
101 Broad Street
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

This application and your Diversity Statement will be reviewed along with your Application for Admission to Graduate Study and supporting materials.