

SUNY PLATTSBURGH GRADUATE DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM -- SPRING 2009 SEMESTER

SUNY Plattsburgh's Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program will be providing full in-state tuition (\$3,450) for up to six students who apply to one of SUNY Plattsburgh's Graduate Degree Programs for the Spring 2009 Semester. The deadline for Graduate Study Applications for the Spring 2009 Semester and the Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program is October 15, 2008.

The newly applying graduate student must complete an essay explaining how s/he contributes to the diversity of the student body in his or her graduate program and how s/he has overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education. Examples could include, but are not limited to: as a member of a group underrepresented in your field of study (e.g., male in an historically female career or female in traditionally male career, minority in a field of study with few minority workers); as a first-generation college student; as a non-traditional student (e.g., single mother or father or older adult student); as a person with a disability or disabilities; and/or as a person from an economically disadvantaged background.

The fellowship of up to \$3,450 will be awarded for the Spring 2009 semester and may be renewed for Fall 2009 (dependent on availability of funding and the awardee's academic progress). 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.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- 1) Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident,
- 2) Be a newly applying graduate student to a Master's or Certificate of Advanced Study degree program,
- 3) Be able to contribute to diversity in the graduate degree program or field of study (e.g., diversity in the broadest sense of the word),
- 4) Have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education,
- 5) Have high intellectual and professional promise,
- 6) Be recommended by the department chair of the degree program to which the candidate has applied and been accepted, and
- 7) Have completed and submitted an application by October 15, 2008

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications are available on line at www.plattsburgh.edu/financialaid; click *Forms* on the left menu bar. You can also contact the Graduate Admissions Office, SUNY Plattsburgh--113 Kehoe, 101 Broad Street, Plattsburgh, NY, 12901; (518) 564-4723; e-mail: graduate@plattsburgh.edu. In order to be considered, you must submit a completed Graduate Diversity Fellowship Application by October 15, 2008, the same deadline as that for Spring 2009 Graduate Study Applications.

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). Announcements of awardees will take place shortly after the October 15th deadline and after all graduate degree programs have made their decisions about whom to accept.

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