

DUE NOW: ESE Faculty-led Nominations for ESE PhD Fellowships/Assistantships

First round of evaluations for selection of recruitment fellowships is on February 4 so getting in your nomination BEFORE Feb. 4 is advantageous.

Fellowship Nominations for funding ESE accepted applicants (or those currently under review with complete or nearly complete applications) **should include:**

- A brief letter of nomination from the potential advisor (<1 page) that includes a general statement indicating how you plan to support the student for three (3+1) or two (2+2)* additional years if for a fellowship, which can include other fellowships, research assistantships, teaching assistantships, or a combination thereof.

Please send your application material electronically to Christal Musser (musser@purdue.edu)

ESE has been allocated the following:

- **Five Lynn Fellowships (1+3)** - Lynn Fellowship funds only to attract graduate students who can make the greatest contributions to our **doctoral** programs and **cannot be made** to students who have already been admitted to and enrolled in a Purdue graduate program
- **One Andrew Fellowship (2+2)** - Andrews Fellowships are for the recruitment of outstanding Ph.D.-track students to graduate programs at Purdue University.
- **One Purdue Doctoral Fellowship (2+2)** - Purdue Doctoral Fellowships support the recruitment of outstanding Ph.D.-track students who will enhance the diversity of the graduate student body in graduate programs at Purdue through their diverse backgrounds, views and experiences.

Each fellowship includes the following funds from the Graduate School:

- Stipend as set by your college/school – Minimum \$17,299/year (estimated)
- Graduate medical insurance supplement – \$1,491 (estimated, actual rates are not decided until summer)
- Fringe benefits, if administered as an assistantship – Calculation: stipend x 0.0041

A few notes:

- All the above have tuition waivers.
- Most of you are familiar with how recruitment fellowships work at Purdue – the offer to the student is as a 4-year package; however, only the first (for the 1+3, which includes the Lynn Fellowship) or the first two years (2+2, which includes the Andrews and the Purdue Doctoral Fellowships) are actually contributed to by the Grad School as part of the fellowship. The rest of the fellowship 'term' (4 total years) and supplements for the first 1 or 2 years (the minimum stipend provided by the GS is not competitive for most of our programs) must be provided by other sources. Essentially for each year that is actually paid for by the Grad School (so the first year for the 1+3 and the first 2 years of the 2+2) in addition to the standard fee waivers.
- If your nomination is selected for award, you can use the fellowship in year one OR choose to use grant or TA funds for the first year and the fellowship for year 2, etc., which can work well if you have grant or start-up money that will expire over the next year or so if not used..
- Fellowships or assistantships can be supplemented. No stipend can fall below the grad school minimum of \$17,299/y *If you supplement there may be a difference between administering as a fellowship versus an assistantship in some colleges (e.g., when administered as an assistantship and given a supplement from a grant to meet your college's minimum stipend, your college may choose to charge you a similarly weighted portion of the tuition costs). This may not be the case anymore, but in the past there seem to be some confusion in this area. I will try to get this figured out, but did not want to hold up the request for nominations since it does not matter that much overall.*
- We must follow the guidelines in the GS Fellowship Manual and align our efforts with Purdue University's commitment to creating and sustaining an inclusive community.

https://www.purdue.edu/gradschool/documents/funding/publications/Fellows_Manual.pdf