

## HHS Diversity Fellowships

HHS will award up to two HHS Diversity Fellowships to facilitate the recruitment and support of PhD-track students who would begin their training in Fall 2022. Awardees will be selected based on evidence that the applicant's backgrounds, views, and experiences would contribute to the diversity of Purdue and to their respective fields of interest. For instance, given their underrepresentation, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) students may enhance diversity through their potential for broadening perspectives and knowledge through their research, views and ideas, and/or leadership.

This award provides stipend/salary, tuition coverage, and a medical insurance supplement for the first two years in the student's graduate program, after which the student will continue to receive the same level of funding, tuition coverage, and a medical insurance supplement through other traditional means of funding (e.g., teaching assistantship, research assistantship) for a minimum of two additional years. The stipend amount is \$22,000, and it will be administered as an assistantship across the fiscal year.

Faculty (or an appropriate alternative, such as the Chair/Director of Graduate Studies who submits on behalf of faculty) are invited to nominate prospective PhD students directly, but they must receive permission from their Department Head first. Please send your intent to nominate to Carmen Morrow ([morrow23@purdue.edu](mailto:morrow23@purdue.edu)) by February 8, 2022 (i.e., this is the nomination due date). Carmen will provide you with a nomination cover page and link for uploading the nomination materials. Awardees will be selected by the HHS DEI Committee as soon as possible after the due date (approximately 10 days), and relevant faculty will then be contacted. So that these awards may be used during recruitment, prospective students need not already be admitted to the program to be considered for a fellowship. Each award will not be conferred to the awardee until the student has been admitted to the program. If a student does not end up being admitted or declines an offer of admittance, the fellowship will be offered to the next most highly ranked nominee.

Each nomination should include 1) the nomination cover page (which must be signed by your Department Head); 2) all of the nominee's graduate application materials, including their diversity essay, and 3) a letter from the faculty nominator (maximum two pages, single-spaced) describing how the nominee's background, views, and experiences would contribute to the diversity of Purdue and their field of study.

Nominations of individuals of all races and backgrounds are invited, including domestic and international students.