



PROVOST DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP FORM

This is a competitive one-semester dissertation completion fellowship designed to support the diversity of Cornell's graduate student population. It is available to advanced Ph.D. students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and for whom one or more of the following criteria apply:

- 1. first-generation college student*
- 2. member of a group historically underrepresented in higher education (African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Mexican American, Puerto Rican, or other Hispanic; permanent residents whose ethnicity corresponds to these groups also meet this criterion);*
- 3. recipients of recruitment fellowships in support of diversity;*
- 4. McNair or Mellon Mays Undergraduate Scholar (the Graduate School will verify your status as a McNair or Mellon Mays Scholar while pursuing a baccalaureate degree at a U.S. institution);*
- 5. graduate students who are single parents; and/or*
- 6. graduate students who have experiences overcoming significant challenges in their path toward completing a Ph.D. (examples include but are not limited to being of a gender historically underrepresented in your intended field of study, being a Veteran, and managing a disability)*

Eligibility

To be eligible for an award, nominees must have received at least one-year of support (e.g. assistantship, training grant, etc.) from their graduate field. Priority for the Provost's Diversity Fellowships will be given to students who: 1) have been enrolled in a Cornell graduate degree program for a minimum of two years; 2) will have passed the A Exam prior to the fellowship; and 3) expect to complete all requirements for the doctorate by December 2018.

Instructions

Complete this form and prepare the following documents, the latter two in coordination with your committee chair:

- 1. Personal statement of no more than 500 words that addresses how any of the eligibility criteria specified above apply to you.*
- 2. Detailed dissertation completion plan for the award period. Your committee chair and you must jointly structure this plan and both of you must sign this document as confirmation of your agreement on this dissertation completion plan. (An email from your chair confirming their support of the plan may be accepted in lieu of their signature.)*
- 3. Your committee chair is also required to prepare a mentoring statement explaining how they will help you fulfill your submitted dissertation completion plan.*

Please attach your personal statement, signed dissertation completion plan, and your committee chair's statement of support to this application and then provide it to your Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) for review and submission.

Submission guidelines

*You are responsible for submitting your application through the DGS for your field in time for them to meet the Graduate School's submission deadline. DGSs should submit all applications for their field to the **Associate Dean for Inclusion and Student Engagement (grad_assoc_dean@cornell.edu) no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 30.** (If the application deadline falls on a holiday or weekend, applications are due the next working day.) Decisions will be announced by the end of October.*

