



# Graduate School Fellowships in Support of Diversity

Diversity Recruitment Fellowships are available on a competitive basis to nominated domestic doctoral students from all backgrounds applying for Fall admission who are U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, Indigenous peoples of Canada eligible to register as domestic students under the Jay Treaty, or students holding DACA, TPS, refugee, or asylee status who have demonstrated commitment and potential to significantly contribute to Cornell's [core value](#) to provide a *Community of Belonging* where scholars representing different backgrounds, perspectives, abilities, and experiences can learn, innovate, and work in an environment of respect.

Applicants who wish to be considered for these fellowships must indicate their interest within the Graduate School application. Admitted students awarded a fellowship in support of diversity are recognized as [Graduate School Dean's Scholars](#) and invited to participate in community and professional activities sponsored by the Office of Inclusion and Student Engagement and its partners.

Through the Personal Statement, applicants should address how their experiences influenced their decision and ability to pursue a graduate degree. Drawing from their lived experiences, service, leadership, or scholarly activities, applicants should also provide insights into their potential to contribute to Cornell University's founding principle and core value to provide a community of inclusion, belonging, and respect where scholars representing diverse backgrounds, perspectives, abilities, and experiences can learn and work productively and positively together.

### How to apply:

- Prospective doctoral students apply for Diversity Recruitment Fellowships through the Graduate School admissions application.
- To be considered for nomination for a Diversity Recruitment Fellowship, eligible applicants must respond "yes" to the question on the admissions application asking whether they would be interested in being considered for a Diversity Recruitment Fellowship.
- The director of graduate studies for the graduate field to which the applicant is applying must submit a letter of nomination and a mentoring plan to the Graduate School for consideration by the associate dean for inclusion and faculty and student engagement and the assistant dean for access and recruitment in the Graduate School.
- Prospective students apply for diversity fellowships through the Graduate School admissions application.
- To be considered for nomination for a diversity fellowship, eligible applicants must respond "yes" to the question on the admissions application asking whether they would be interested in being considered for a diversity fellowship.
- The director of graduate studies for the graduate field to which the applicant is applying must submit a letter of nomination and a mentoring plan to the Graduate School for consideration by the associate dean for inclusion and faculty and student engagement and the assistant dean for access and recruitment in the Graduate School.