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Graduate Fellowships Available for Underrepresented Groups at USF-CMS

***** Note that there are numerous merit-based financial awards and assistantships available from the Graduate School and the College of Marine Science. This document only lists fellowships and scholarships specific to students from underrepresented groups. It is recommended that graduate students apply for any and all funding available to them. For more information on other available aid see the Graduate School and College of Marine Science funding websites:**

USF Graduate School Fellowships Website:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/grants.asp>

USF College of Marine Science Graduate Programs Funding Website:

<http://www.marine.usf.edu/graduate-programs/funding.shtml>

USF Graduate School GSS Fellowships:

*note: there is one general application for all these fellowships (see details below)

Deadline: February 15th of each year.

Application/Nomination Process: Direct from the applicant.

Selection Process: A campus-wide faculty committee will rank the candidates and make recommendations. Applicants receiving awards will be notified by April 1st.

Graduate Student Success Diversity Fellowship

Eligibility:

- Applicants should be academically talented domestic students who contribute diversity in USF graduate programs. This includes Individuals who have been historically underrepresented in specific disciplines along the dimensions of ethnicity and gender.
- Particular consideration is given to academically talented, newly enrolled, first-generation, multi-lingual students (particularly English & Spanish speaking), who demonstrate financial need and have overcome considerable obstacles and financial hardships in the pursuit of their post-secondary educational goals.
- Individuals that have come from programs such as the Ronald E. McNair, FGLSAMP, and FAMU Feeder programs are also encouraged to apply.
- In fields where males are underrepresented (i.e. Nursing and Special Education), consideration will be given to male applicants.
- Both newly admitted and continuing students are eligible to apply.
- Please note that students applying to or enrolled in USF's M.D. and Physical Therapy programs are not eligible for consideration for this fellowship.

Award Specifics:

Master's students receive \$8,000/yr for up to two years (contingent upon academic progress). Doctoral students receive \$12,000/yr for up to three years (contingent upon academic progress). Each award also carries a tuition waiver.

For more information:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/grants.asp#d>

SUS/USF Summer Program

Eligibility:

- Applicants should be academically talented domestic students who contribute diversity in USF graduate programs. This includes Individuals who have been historically underrepresented in specific disciplines along the dimensions of ethnicity and gender.
- Particular consideration is also given to academically talented, newly enrolled, first-generation students demonstrating financial need who have overcome considerable obstacles and financial hardships in pursuit of their post-secondary educational goals.
- Note that USF's M.D. and Physical Therapy programs are not eligible for consideration for this fellowship.

Award Specifics:

\$1,300 stipend for the summer semester. Students are required to attend weekly workshops and take a graduate class over the summer.

For more information:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/grants.asp#j>

Delores Auzenne Fellowship

Eligibility:

- Applicants should be academically talented domestic students who contribute diversity in USF graduate programs. This includes individuals who have been historically underrepresented in specific disciplines along the dimensions of ethnicity and gender.
- In fields where males are underrepresented (i.e. Nursing and Special Education), consideration will be given to male applicants.
- Note that USF's M.D. and Physical Therapy programs are not eligible for consideration for this fellowship.

Award Specifics:

Master's students receive \$8,000/yr for up to two years (contingent upon academic progress). Doctoral students receive \$12,000/yr for up to three years (contingent upon academic progress). Each award also carries a tuition waiver.

For more information:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/grants.asp#b>

McNair Doctoral Fellowship

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be students who have participated in the Ronald E. McNair Scholars program or the USF McNair program at the undergraduate level.
- Applicants must be pursuing a doctoral degree at USF.
- Note that USF's M.D. and Physical Therapy programs are not eligible for consideration for this fellowship.

Award Specifics:

Students receive \$15,000/yr for up to three years (contingent upon academic progress). Each award also carries a tuition waiver.

For more information:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/grants.asp#g>

Pan American Fellowship

Eligibility:

- Applicants should be academically talented domestic students who contribute diversity in USF graduate programs. This includes Individuals who have been historically underrepresented in specific disciplines along the dimensions of ethnicity and gender.
- Particular consideration is given to academically talented, newly enrolled, first-generation, multi-lingual students (particularly English & Spanish speaking) who demonstrate financial need and have overcome considerable obstacles and financial hardships in the pursuit of their post-secondary educational goals.
- Note that USF's M.D. and Physical Therapy programs are not eligible for consideration for this fellowship.

Award Specifics:

Master's students receive \$8,000/yr for up to two years (contingent upon academic progress). Doctoral students receive \$12,000/yr for up to three years (contingent upon academic progress). Each award also carries a tuition waiver.

For more information:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/grants.asp#h>

Graduate Student Success (GSS) Fellowship Application

To apply for the aforementioned GSS Fellowships there is one general application.

Overview:

Consistent with the USF strategic plan, the Graduate School “endeavors to make academic excellence inclusive” and build a “diverse campus environment.” To sustain a diverse student body and provide opportunities for those students with financial need, the USF Foundation and Graduate School offer a variety of fellowships. The fellowships represented in the GSS Application include:

- Graduate Student Success Diversity Fellowship
- Genshaft Family Doctoral Fellowship
- Kreplick Fellowship
- SUS/USF Summer Program
- Delores Auzenne Fellowship
- McNair Doctoral Fellowship
- Pan American Fellowship

Eligibility:

Applicants should evaluate the specific eligibility requirements for each fellowship before applying. In general, applicants for the GSS Fellowships should be those individuals who contribute to a diverse graduate student population that supports the strategic mission of USF and its various programs. This includes, but is not limited to, academically talented domestic students who have been historically underrepresented in specific disciplines along the dimensions of ethnicity and gender. In addition, consideration is given to newly enrolled, first-generation, multi-lingual (particularly English & Spanish speaking) students who demonstrate financial need and have overcome considerable obstacles and financial hardships to attain post-secondary educational achievement. Individuals that have come from programs such as the Ronald E. McNair, FGLSAMP, and FAMU Feeder programs are also eligible to apply. Finally, In fields where males are underrepresented (i.e. Nursing and Special education), consideration will be given to male applicants. Newly admitted students as well as continuing students are eligible to apply for GSS Fellowships unless stipulated by a particular award. Please note that students applying to or enrolled in USF’s M.D. and Physical Therapy programs are not eligible for consideration for these fellowships.

Selection Process:

A campus-wide faculty committee will rank the candidates and make recommendations to the Graduate School. Applicants receiving awards will be notified by April 1st.

Description and Application:

There is a single application that covers all of the different GSS Fellowships. Applicants can apply for any of the eligible fellowships during the online application process. The deadline for completing the online application is February 1, 2010. Students who wish to be considered for any of the GSS Fellowships are required to:

- Apply to a USF Graduate Program no later than **January 15, 2010***
- Apply for the FAFSA no later than **February 1, 2010** ([Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#))
- Submit a 500-word personal statement
- Provide a self-report of GRE or GMAT test scores (when applicable)
- An electronic letter of reference to the Graduate School (fellowships@grad.usf.edu)

*Students that have participated McNair, RISE, FGLSAMP, FAMU Feeder, USTAR-Marc, or (TRS)Traveling Scholar programs may be eligible for an application [fee waiver](#).

Absolutely no incomplete or applications completed after the deadline will be accepted. The level of support for each of the Fellowships varies, but each provides a stipend and many provide tuition waivers. Students can receive the Fellowships concurrent with loans or a graduate assistantship (GA); however this award cannot be received concurrent with other university-based or national fellowships or scholarships. Note that loan eligibility will be affected by receipt of USF fellowships. All applications are to be submitted online (below).

GSS Fellowship FAQs:

- **When should I apply for Fellowships?** The Fall semester is generally the time that institutional and national fellowship applications become available. Awards for these are made in Summer and Fall semesters of the following year.
- **Can I apply for the Fellowships even though I haven't been accepted in my graduate program?** Yes, however you must have a USF graduate school application on file by the February 1, 2010 deadline.
- **Can I receive an award as a non-degree seeking student, a student pursuing a Graduate Certificate, an international student, or a part-time student?** No. the awards are for domestic students or permanent residents seeking full-time (at least nine graduate hours per Fall/Spring semesters, six graduate hours in the Summer semester).
- **Can I receive the award during the Summer?** No. The awards are for Fall/Spring. The exception is the Summer Program award, available only during the first summer of the entering student.
- **When do I receive notification that I have been chosen to receive the award?** Notification will be made no later than April 1, 2010.
- **Do I have to work for my fellowship?** No. But you will be required to attend workshop sessions as deemed necessary by the Graduate School.
- **What are the tax considerations for receiving the award?** For information on financial aid and taxes request IRS Publication 520 by calling 1-800-829-3676.
- **How do I continue to receive the award each year that I'm eligible?** Awards are made automatically for the duration period stipulated by the award as long as you remain in good academic standing in your graduate program.
- **If the graduate program I am applying to doesn't require the GRE or GMAT for admission do I have to take the exam to be eligible to apply for the Fellowship?** No.

For more information:

http://www.grad.usf.edu/fellowship_application.asp

If you have other questions regarding the GSS Fellowships contact [Rod Hale](mailto:Rhale@grad.usf.edu) @ Rhale@grad.usf.edu

State and National Foundation Fellowships

Florida Education Fund McKnight Doctoral Fellowship

Overview:

Established in 1984, the Florida Education Fund's McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program has increased the number of African Americans who have been awarded the Ph.D. in historically underrepresented, crucial disciplines and fields of study where African Americans have not historically enrolled and completed degree programs. Some 697 Fellowships have been awarded to African Americans and Hispanics pursuing the Ph.D. degree and the program enjoys an impressive near 80% retention rate. Of this number, over 274 Fellows have graduated with the Ph.D. degree, with an average completion rate of five years

The McKnight Doctoral Fellowship program is designed to address the underrepresentation of African American and Hispanic faculty at colleges and universities in the state of Florida by increasing the pool of citizens qualified with Ph.D. degrees to teach at the college and university levels. As a by-product, it is expected that employment opportunities in industry will also be expanded.

Application deadline:

All application materials must be submitted on line and/or postmarked no later than **January 15th** of each year.

The FEF strongly encourages all applicants to submit the MDF Application **online** via the Program's **secure online application**. To apply online now, go to <http://www.fefonline.org/mdfapply>. If you encounter any difficulty submitting the online application, please contact the FEF webmaster at webmaster@fefonline.org or 813-943-7578. If you do not have easy online access, paper application forms are available upon request. Please call the FEF at (813) 272-2772 to request a paper application form. <http://www.fefonline.org/mdf.html>

Eligibility:

Eligible fields of study include any field in the Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Health Sciences, Nursing, or the Visual and Performing Arts. Fellowships are especially encouraged in, but not limited to, the following disciplines:

- **Agriculture**
- **Biology**
- **Business Administration**
- **Chemistry**
- **Computer Science**
- **Engineering**
- **Marine Science**
- **Mathematics**
- **Physics**
- **Psychology**

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Academic programs that lead to professional degrees such as the M.D., D.B.A., D.D.S., J.D. and D.V.M., are not covered by the McKnight Doctoral Fellowship. With the exception of Ph.D. programs in Math Education, Science Education, and Educational Measurement and Testing, graduate programs which are housed in a university's School or College of Education (whether leading to Ed.D. or Ph.D.) are not covered by the McKnight Doctoral Fellowship. You may view a list of participating Florida institutions with resource persons and eligible academic programs at <http://www.fefonline.org/mdfschools.html>.

Who may apply:

Applicants must be African American or Hispanic, U.S. citizens, and hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Since this program is intended to increase enrollment in Ph.D. programs, currently enrolled doctoral students are not eligible to apply.

General Eligibility:

The Fellowship will be awarded only to persons who intend to seek the Ph.D. degree in one of the disciplines in the Arts and Sciences, Mathematics, Business or Engineering. In those doctoral programs which require entry at the master's level prior to acceptance at the doctoral level, institutional verification will be required. The Fellowships must be used at one of the participating Florida universities previously indicated and will be awarded only to those eligible individuals who have been accepted for graduate study at one of the participating universities.

Award Specifics:

Up to 50 Fellowships are awarded annually to study at one of the nine participating Florida universities. Each award provides annual tuition up to \$5,000 (tuition above this amount is waived by the participating institution) for each of three academic years plus an annual stipend of \$12,000. (An additional two years of support at this same level is provided by the participating institution.) The award also includes a **comprehensive system of academic support:**

<http://www.fefonline.org/mdfsupport.html>

Each annual renewal is contingent upon satisfactory performance and normal progress toward the Ph.D. degree. A list of participating Florida universities follows:

- ***Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University***
- ***Florida Atlantic University***
- ***Florida Institute of Technology***
- ***Florida International University***
- ***Florida State University***
- ***University of Central Florida***
- ***University of Florida***
- ***University of Miami***
- ***University of South Florida***

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The Florida-Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship

Overview:

The University of South Florida has partnered with FGLSAMP and NSF to implement a unique cross-disciplinary thematic approach to traditional STEM graduate education.

- Gain knowledge in both science and engineering fields and research expertise in the development and application of sensors for marine, environmental, biological, chemical and biomedical science related research endeavors.
- *“Foster new cross-disciplinary expertise and research endeavors in marine, environmental, biological, & chemical sciences, & biomedical sensor designs and applications.”*

Eligibility:

- Under-represented U.S. minorities as defined by NSF (Hispanic, African American, Native American, Alaskan Native, or Pacific Islander)
- Holder of a B.S. degree in a STEM discipline from an undergraduate LSAMP institution
- One who is admitted to or intends to apply to a graduate degree program in a STEM-related field

Application Requirements:

- Completed *Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship* application
- Brief personal statement outlining interests in the project and career goals
- Unofficial transcript
- Letter of support outlining students' potential for success in the project
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Participant in Undergraduate LSAMP Program
- U.S. Underrepresented Minority
- Must Meet USF Graduate Admission Requirements
- Acceptance into a USF STEM Graduate Program

Award Specifics:

- Financial support package: 2-year fellowship of \$30,000 per year
- and for doctoral students an additional 2 years of support at a minimum of \$15,000 per year
- Full graduate school tuition and fees support
- Participation in workshops, seminars and short courses on professional development, science and engineering—related topics
- Cross disciplinary science and engineering academic curriculum
- Professional and research travel opportunities

USF- College of Marine Science Endowed Fellowships

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Minority PhD Fellowship

Overview:

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation's Minority Ph.D. Program—managed by NACME—has two components. The Ph.D. component offers substantial scholarship support to underrepresented minority students who are beginning their doctoral work in engineering, natural science and mathematics. Since its establishment in 1995, the program has provided direct support to over 900 minority Ph.D. students in these fields. At USF the fellowship is maintained half with financial support from NACME and the Sloan Foundation, and a match from the College of Marine Science Endowed Bridge to the Doctorate Fund. The College of Marine Science awards several fellowships annually. The deadline to apply is during the spring semester and the fellowships are awarded for the following fall semester. Current Students are required to submit an application, however new students are automatically considered for eligible CMS fellowships and therefore do not submit an application.

Eligibility:

- Students must be US Citizens.
- Students must have 30 graduate hours or M.S.
- Sloan is an enhancement - We work with students to ensure they are properly supported.
- Sloan fellows must provide proof of health insurance coverage.
- Part time students are not eligible. Only full time students actively in PhD research are eligible for SLOAN.

Award Specifics:

- Provides one-time financial support package of approximately \$30,000 depending on the number of qualified applicants
- (approximately half of this is covered from the CMS endowed Bridge to the Doctorate (BD) fellowship fund)
- Package available to student over the course of their PhD studies
- Support requested via Expenditure and Payment Request Forms

Application Requirements

To become a Sloan Scholar, you must apply to and be accepted in a recognized program supported by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Scholars are selected based on their application, faculty recommendation, appropriate field of study, and financial need. Awards are made on a rolling basis.

For more information:

<http://sloan.eng.usf.edu/index.html>

<http://www.nacme.org/sloan/Sloan.aspx?pageid=31>

USF- College of Marine Science Endowed Fellowships

Bridge to the Doctorate Endowed Fellowship

Overview:

The College of Marine Science awards several fellowships annually. The deadline to apply is during the spring semester and the fellowships are awarded for the following fall semester. Current Students are required to submit an application, however new students are automatically considered for eligible CMS fellowships and therefore do not submit an application. At USF the fellowship is maintained half with financial support from NACME and the Sloan Foundation, and a match from the College of Marine Science Endowed Bridge to the Doctorate Fund.

Award Specifics:

- \$30,000 awarded annually depending on the number of qualified applicants.
- (approximately half of this is covered from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation's Minority Ph.D. Program fellowship)

For more information:

<http://www.marine.usf.edu/graduate-programs/fellowships.shtml#diversity>

USF – Institute on Black Life Scholarships

Robert Allen Endowed Scholarship

Overview:

The *Robert Allen Scholarship* was established by Mrs. Clara Allen and family, friends and colleagues of Mr. Robert "Bob" Allen, former director of the USF Office of Public Affairs.

Application deadline: February 15

Eligibility:

The selection committee will choose recipients on the basis of the academic talent demonstrated by the applicant. The minimum criteria are as follows:

- Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale) or higher is required.
- ACT minimum composite score of 21 or SAT minimum score of 1000
- GRE (Graduate Record Exam) minimum scores of 500 verbal, 4.5 writing, and 550 quantitative.
- GMAT (Graduate Management Aptitude Test) minimum score of 650
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores earned within (2) years of the desired term of entry. A minimum score of 79 on the internet-based test, 213 on the computer-based test, or 550 on the paper-based test are required.
- African American student, not of Hispanic origin, and a citizen of the United States
- Undergraduate or graduate degree seeking student, who has completed at least three (3) semesters of satisfactory work at USF
- Majoring in Mass Communications, Nursing or the Premedical Sciences (first priority given to Mass Communications majors)

Please note that once the minimum academic requirements are met, the selection committee will consider other academic and non-academic factors in reaching a final decision. Other factors considered include service to schools and other non-profit institutions, leadership responsibilities, work experience and special contributions (e.g., the arts, community service, and volunteer work).

Award specifics: This is a \$1,000 non-renewable award.

For more information:

<http://web3.cas.usf.edu/main/centers/ibl/scholarships/allen/>

USF – Institute on Black Life Scholarships

Catherine & John Lott Brown Endowed Scholarship

Overview:

Named for President Emeritus Dr. John Lott Brown and his wife Catherine, this scholarship provides opportunities for academically talented students from diverse backgrounds studying at the University of South Florida.

Application deadline: February 15

Eligibility:

The selection committee will choose recipients on the basis of the academic talent demonstrated by the applicant. The minimum academic criteria are as follows:

- Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale) or higher is required.
- ACT minimum composite score of 21 or SAT minimum score of 1000.
- GRE (Graduate Record Exam) minimum scores of 500 verbal, 4.5 writing, and 550 quantitative.
- GMAT (Graduate Management Aptitude Test) minimum score of 650
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores earned within (2) years of the desired term of entry. A minimum score of 79 on the internet-based test, 213 on the computer-based test, or 550 on the paper-based test are required.

Please note that once the minimum academic requirements are met, the selection committee will consider other academic and non-academic factors in reaching a final decision. Other factors considered include service to schools and other non-profit institutions, leadership responsibilities, work experience and special contributions (e.g., the arts, community service, and volunteer work).

Award specifics: This is a \$1,000 non-renewable award.

For more information:

<http://web3.cas.usf.edu/main/centers/ibl/scholarships/brown/>