



Colorado State University

GRADUATE SCHOOL

The Bridge to the Doctorate (BD) Fellowship Program

The Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship Program is funded through the National Science Foundation. It is a two-year program designed to support students in persistence and successful completion of their STEM doctoral degrees. The BD program is administered through the Graduate Center for Diversity and Access under the direction of the Graduate School. Selected students will be identified as BD Fellows and required to: 1) participate in all BD program activities and 2) submit an application to the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP).

The BD Fellowship consists of the following awardee benefits:

- \$32,000 stipend per year for each of the two years
- \$12,000 cost-of-education allowance for tuition, fees, etc. for each of the two years
- \$1,000 professional development travel award
- BD Fellows meetings and workshops
- Assistantship support after the two years of the BD Fellowship program for up to four years as long as the student remains enrolled in the degree program and maintains good academic standing (maintains a 3.00 GPA, makes satisfactory progress in the graduate degree program, etc.)

Application Information

- Admission is governed by the standards of the Graduate School, the graduate program to which the student is accepted, and the Graduate Center for Diversity and Access.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply for the BD Fellowship program by June 24, 2016 for full consideration. Applications will continue to be accepted until August 7, 2016.
- Final admission is contingent upon successful completion of an undergraduate STEM degree and fulfillment of all eligibility requirements.

Minimum Eligibility Qualifications

- Identify as a member of at least one racial and ethnic group historically underrepresented in STEM disciplines: African American, Hispanic American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and Native Pacific Islander
- Have earned a STEM baccalaureate degree
- Participation in LSAMP activities as an undergraduate (<http://col.st/5EZcC>; please contact Tammi.Vacha-Haase@colostate.edu with questions)
- US citizen, US National, or permanent resident of the US
- Planning to pursue a STEM doctoral degree
- Admitted to a STEM graduate program at CSU and have an identified advisor

- Preference will be given to those who are new recruits to master's or PhD programs at CSU or to those who have not yet earned their master's degree. However, students who have already earned a STEM Master's degree at CSU may apply.

Additional Requirements

- Candidates awarded the BD Fellowship must meet the following enrollment criteria:
 - A minimum of full-time enrollment (9 credits) for both fall 16 and spring 17 for ALL students
 - Students enrolling in a graduate program for the first time are required to enroll full-time for the two academic years of the BD program.
 - Students who have already earned a master's degree must have a minimum of part-time enrollment (5 credits) for both fall 17 and spring 18
- Maintain a 3.00 GPA
- Participate in BD Fellow program events and activities

Application Procedures

Applications for students that meet the above requirements must include:

- 1) For applicants who have completed a master's degree, please indicate how far you have progressed in your current program and how many semesters you anticipate that you must complete before earning your degree. Discuss any benchmarks you have completed (e.g. preliminary examinations). (1/2-page maximum, double spaced, font size 12)
 - 2) An overview of your research experience to date (1-page maximum, double spaced, font size 12).
 - 3) A personal statement that addresses your academic and career goals and your commitment to completing a PhD degree (2-page maximum, double spaced, font size 12).
 - 4) A letter of nomination from the program director of the admitting graduate program or identified faculty advisor addressing the following items:
 - a. confirm the student is paired with a research mentor
 - b. student's capacity and commitment to the completion of a PhD program
 - c. status of student's progression in the program if the candidate is not a new recruit and has already earned a master's degree and approximate number of semesters remaining prior to completion of the program
 - d. confirmation the student will be supported by advisor and program to attend all BD activities.
- Applications should be submitted directly to Debbie Sheaffer at Debbie.Sheaffer@colostate.edu by June 24, 2016 for full consideration. Applications will continue to be accepted until August 7, 2016.

Contact Dr. Tammi Vacha-Haase with questions about any component of the BD application process (Tammi.Vacha-Haase@colostate.edu; 970.491.5729)



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The Bridge to the Doctorate (BD) Fellowship Program APPLICATION FORM

GRADUATE CENTER FOR DIVERSITY AND ACCESS

For full consideration in the application process, please submit this form by June 24, 2016. Applications will continue to be accepted until August 7, 2016.

I. Personal Information: *Please type or print*

Student Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Day Phone # _____ Evening Phone# _____ Cell Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity: ***Please check all that apply.***

- African American
- Native American
- Alaskan Native
- Anglo, Caucasian, White, not of Hispanic origin
- Hispanic, Chicano, Cuban, Puerto Rican, Latino, Mexican American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Other: please specify _____
- I do not wish to provide this information.

Citizenship:

US Citizen US National Permanent Resident (alien number) _____

Undergraduate Affiliations (LSAMP, McNair, Trio, etc.): _____

Please specify institution(s): _____

Have you received financial support from your school's LSAMP? Yes No

Please indicate the name of the LSAMP institution you attended and/or the institution in which you participated in LSAMP activities:

LSAMP Institution: _____ Activities: _____

City _____ State _____

(To identify LSAMP institutions, please refer to <http://col.st/5EZcC> .)

II. Colorado State University Information

Admitted Graduate Program /Department at CSU _____ / _____

Graduate Faculty Advisor at CSU _____

IV. Application Requirements

- Completed Application Form (above)
- For applicants who have completed a master's degree program, please indicate how far you have progressed in your current program and how many semesters you anticipate that you must complete before earning your degree. Discuss any benchmarks you have completed (e.g. preliminary examinations). (1/2-page maximum, double spaced, font size 12).
- An overview of your research experience to date (1- page maximum, double spaced, font size 12).
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- A letter of nomination from the program director of the admitting graduate program or identified faculty advisor addressing the following items:
 - confirmation the student is paired with a research mentor,
 - confirmation the student will be supported to attend all BD activities,
 - the student's capacity and commitment to the completion of a PhD program,
 - if the student is NOT a new recruit and has already earned a master's degree, status of his or her progression in the degree program and the approximate number of semesters remaining prior to completion of the program.

VI. Certification

- I verify that I qualify as a certified LSAMP student (e.g., active participant in LSAMP activities as an undergraduate student.) **If you are not a LSAMP certified student, please make that statement on the line below and cross out and initial the previous sentence.**
- _____
- I hereby certify that the information given by me on this application is true and complete. Further, I understand that my participation in the LSAMP BD Fellowship program may be revoked if any information is found to be false.
- I verify that I understand the enrollment and activity requirements of the BD Fellowship program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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