



ADVANCED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FELLOWSHIP

Application for New Award, 2010-2011

DESCRIPTION:

The Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP) is funded by the State of Wisconsin. AOP Fellowships are designed to assist members of groups under-represented in graduate study, and other disadvantaged students, to enter and complete a graduate degree at UWM. Awards are granted to newly admitted or currently enrolled UWM graduate students.

ELIGIBILITY:

Approximately 30 new AOP Fellowships are awarded annually to qualified students who are members of groups under-represented in graduate study or are otherwise disadvantaged. Such Fellows may include:

- ◇ Individuals from racial or ethnic populations which are under-represented among students of higher education;
- ◇ First-generation college students;
- ◇ Individuals with disabilities;
- ◇ Individuals from financially disadvantaged backgrounds or circumstances;
- ◇ Recent immigrants (provided, however, that they meet the residency requirements set forth below);
- ◇ Participants in TRIO pre-college or undergraduate programs for students (e.g., Upward Bound, Talent Search, Student Support Services, McNair, Project 1000, etc.).

Applicants shall be considered in their entirety and reviewed individually, and no applicant shall receive a Fellowship simply because he or she fulfills one or more of the above-listed classifications.

AWARD:

New AOP Fellowship awards are for academic year (fall/spring) 2010-2011. The academic year stipend is \$14,000.* The AOP Fellowship pays the in-state tuition rate and remits the out-of-state portion of tuition; all Fellowship recipients are eligible for State health benefits. Awardees retain full responsibility for mandatory fees and additional instructional/course fees (including distance education) above basic graduate tuition levels.

*Stipend quoted is for 2009-2010. Award may vary contingent on funding.

AOP Fellowships may be renewed. Master's students may receive up to two years of support, depending on course and program requirements, and doctoral students may receive up to three years of support contingent on good academic progress toward degree. No student may qualify for more than three years of combined support in their master's and doctoral studies.

SELECTION:

Recipients are selected by the Graduate School Assistance Committee. A complete application shall consist of:

- ◇ An AOP Fellowship application form
- ◇ Degree grade point averages
- ◇ An unofficial copy of a current transcript
- ◇ Departmental assessments of academic achievements and potential
- ◇ Two letters of recommendation
- ◇ Written responses to application questions

APPLICANTS MUST BE AMERICAN CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

DEADLINE:

This application form and all supporting documents (see Application Procedures) must be submitted to the UWM graduate program to which you are applying (or in which you are currently enrolled) by the application deadline:

**FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES VARY BY GRADUATE PROGRAM
CHECK WITH YOUR GRADUATE PROGRAM FOR THEIR FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION
DEADLINE.** <http://www.graduateschool.uwm.edu/students/program-contacts/>

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

AOP Fellowships are for full-time study only. No full-time employment or full scholarship or fellowship may be held concurrently with an AOP award. Small monetary awards, University appointments (TA/PA/RA of up to 25%), or other part-time employment of up to 15 hours per week, are allowable.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Complete all sections of this application.
2. Arrange for two typewritten letters of recommendation to be forwarded directly to your graduate program/department. All letters must be on official letterhead stationery or approved forms. Letters from individuals familiar with your **academic background** are most helpful. Letters should include how long and in what capacity the referee has known you, your knowledge of chosen field, motivation and seriousness, academic strength, and potential growth.

Incoming graduate student applicants: If you wish, you may use copies of current letters which have been submitted in support of your fall '09 admission to support this fellowship application. To request this, please contact your intended graduate program directly.

Dissertator applicants only: one letter must be from major professor and include status of dissertation.

3. Submit this application form and all supporting documents mentioned above to the UWM graduate program to which you are applying (or in which you are currently enrolled). Retain a copy for your records.

MAIL AS FOLLOWS

<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Department of (fill in the name of your department/program on this line) University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee P. O. Box 413 Milwaukee, WI 53201-0413</p>
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DO NOT SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION FORM TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

4. Follow-up with your graduate program/department to confirm that your Fellowship application has arrived and is complete.

If you are not already enrolled in a UWM graduate program, you must have a graduate application on file with the UWM Graduate School in order to be considered for an AOP fellowship.

Fellowship Recipient Selection Process

STUDENT	GRADUATE PROGRAM/ DEPARTMENT	GRADUATE STUDENT SPECIAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE	GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP OFFICE
Submit completed AOP Fellowship application to UWM graduate program/department by Fellowship deadline: Check with your Graduate Program for their fellowship Application Deadline.	Reviews and screens Fellowship applications; forwards nominated applicants to the Graduate Fellowship Office for consideration, notifies all applicants (nominated & non-nominated) regarding the status of their Fellowship application form.	Reviews all nominated applicants and selects Fellows.	Provides written notification to all nominated applicants once the committee reviews, screens and select final nominations to the Graduate Opportunity Programs Office.



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I ACADEMIC INFORMATION

This application is being submitted to the following Graduate Program:
GRADUATE PROGRAM
And represents a request for fellowship support in the following degree program:
Master's degree PhD degree

II PERSONAL INFORMATION

Gender: Male Female Campus ID #
Social Security # (For Payroll Purposes Only)
Name Last First Middle Initial
Current Mailing Address Number and Street City State Zip Code
Current Phone # Day Evening Cell
E-mail address
Permanent Address (If different from above) Number and Street City State Zip Code
Permanent Phone # Day Evening Cell (If different from above)

Residency: Does UWM consider you a: Wisconsin Resident Non-Resident

Have you ever participated in any of the following TRIO pre-college or undergraduate programs for students?

- Upward Bound Talent Search Student Support Services McNair
Project 1000 Other

Heritage: African American
Southeast Asian (specify)
American Indian/Alaskan Native
Latino/a (specify)
Caucasian
Other (specify)

Name (print): _____
Last First

V DISABILITIES

We request that students with a documented disability present that information to ensure they have access to services to which they are entitled. Please describe briefly below. Use this space only. Additional pages will not be reviewed.

VI OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

What other relevant information would you like the Committee to consider in reviewing your application (e.g. awards, honors, publications, major exhibitions, performances and employment experience or internships)? Use this space only. Additional pages will not be reviewed.

VII CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided by me in this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the University has the right to terminate any award assistance if information has been misrepresented. I understand that AOP fellowships are for full-time study exclusively, and that only limited concurrent employment (TA/PA/RA of up to 25% or other hourly employment of up to 15 hours/week) is allowed.

Applicant's Signature

Date Submitted