



Florida State University McNair Scholars Fellowship Application Guidelines 2023-2024

The McNair Scholars program is a federally-funded program that prepares first generation or underrepresented undergraduate students for doctoral studies. Dean Mark Riley is pleased to announce that the Graduate School is offering a multi-year fellowship to attract highly-qualified students who meet the criteria below in an effort to increase diversity at Florida State University and to increase the number of graduate degrees awarded to these underrepresented populations.

1. **Number/Type of Awards:** Varies depending on funding availability.
2. **Eligibility:** For any newly-admitted domestic FSU Doctoral or MFA students who completed (or will complete before enrolling at Florida State University) the McNair Scholars program at a federally-recognized institution. Please see the list of eligible MFA major names below. If an applicant is accepted in a major that requires a master's degree prior to entrance to a doctoral program, the student must complete the master's degree prior to applying to this fellowship. NOTE: Newly admitted for purposes of this fellowship application shall mean entrance in the Fall or Summer semesters. Only applicants who enter in the Summer semester as part of a cohort will be considered eligible for the fellowship. If students start in the summer, funding will not commence until the Fall. Fellowships are non-transferable between academic programs.
3. **Tenure/Terms of Award: Doctoral Students:** 4 consecutive years (Academic Year) (Fall and Spring; no summer funding); **MFA Students:** 3 consecutive academic years for eligible MFA students (Fall and Spring; no summer funding). **NOTE:** The Graduate School will not provide support to a Fellow beyond the semester in which they have met all of the requirements of graduation even if they have time remaining in their fellowship period.
4. **Award Amount: \$5,000.** The Graduate School will provide a non-duty stipend of \$5,000 each academic year (\$2,500 in the Fall, \$2,500 in the Spring).
5. **College/Departmental Commitment:** College/Department must commit to guaranteed funding for a graduate assistantship stipend and waiver of at least a .025 FTE for each year (dependent on maintaining good academic standing).
6. **Employment:** Fellows will receive at least a .25 FTE departmental assistantship during the years listed above that may require them to assist in research, teaching, and/or professional duties.
7. **Tuition Waivers:** The Department will provide all tuition waivers for in-state and out-of-state (if applicable)
8. **Health Insurance:** The fellow will receive the health insurance subsidy each year of the award in accordance with Graduate School and university policy.
9. **Other Fellowships:** This fellowship cannot be held with any other Graduate School administered or funded fellowship. External fellowships will be considered on a case-by-case basis and it is the student's responsibility to notify the Graduate School before accepting any offer.

NOTES: 1) All Graduate School Fellowships are subject to the availability of funding each year 2) This fellowship only covers graduate fundable courses and degree programs held on campus conducted at the Tallahassee, FL or Panama City, FL campuses

ELIGIBLE MFA MAJOR NAMES:

| College | Major Name |
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| MP | Motion Picture Arts |
| MP | Motion Picture Arts-Writing |
| MU | Music Theatre - Music |
| FA | Studio Art |
| FA | Graphic Design |
| FA | Arts Administration - Art |
| FA | Interior Design |
| FA | Interior Design/MFA |
| FA | Dance |
| FA | Costume Design |
| FA | Acting |
| FA | Directing |
| FA | Technical Production |
| FA | Theatre Management |

Fellowship Self-Nomination Instructions

The Graduate Schools' online nomination system will be utilized for this fellowship. The graduate application to the degree program will be used to make the fellowship award. Self-nominations do not guarantee funding for the fellowship.

Step 1) This fellowship will begin with the self-nomination by the student

https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0dHkheVzWx07MHi

Please complete the nomination form following the instructions in the form **by March 1st**.

Fellowship Selection Process

Step 2) The Graduate School will work with the academic units to seek an endorsement of the nomination. NOTE: the self-nominee must be admitted to the academic program by March 15th.

Step 3) The Graduate School will work with the academic units to seek an endorsement of the nomination.

Step 4) The Graduate School will make fellowship offers between March 15th and March 30th.

If you have any questions please contact The Graduate School at 850-644-3501 or gradschool@fsu.edu.



QR link to Self-Nomination Form