

BRIDGE TO THE DOCTORATE



Dear Colleague

The Greater Philadelphia Region Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (Philadelphia AMP) is pleased to announce the upcoming participation of Drexel University in the *Bridge to the Doctorate Program*.

Drexel University is seeking your assistance to identify applicants for the *Bridge to the Doctorate Program* slated for launch in Summer 2010. The 2010 cohort of the *Bridge to the Doctorate Graduate Fellowship Program* represents the eighth phase of the National Science Foundation's commitment to the participation of under-represented minorities in graduate levels of study in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines. Examples of such fields include chemistry, physics, mathematics, life and biological sciences, computer science and engineering.

This fellowship is designed to establish a bridge to the terminal degree – the Ph.D. – by providing students the financial support needed to successfully pursue graduate study; essential mentorship and guidance of participating faculty; and a support network of staff dedicated to the promotion of future leadership in the scientific enterprise. The program aims to encourage students' interest in graduate study by demystifying the graduate admissions process and removing the financial barriers associated with continued study.

The program broadens perspective among faculty and institutional stakeholders regarding the successful candidate for graduate study by evaluating applicants on the basis of their record of achievements as well as their professional and research experiences, motivation for advanced study, and connection to the field of study.

Eligibility Criteria:

- US Citizenship or Permanent Residency
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 OR Institutional recommendation
- Participation in a LSAMP Program as an undergraduate
- Bachelor's degree in a STEM discipline from a LSAMP Institution
- GRE test scores
- Resume
- Letters of Recommendation (*minimum of 2 depending on program*)

The program takes into account the importance of relevant role models and mentors – not only in shaping the successful candidate but also in providing support and perspective while he/she pursues graduate study. Current research in the area of student success and retention identifies the key role that faculty like you play in developing and retaining successful students, particularly through research experiences. In recognition of your relationship with the students on your campus and your perspective regarding their potential for success, we request your assistance in identifying students either at the university or in your disciplinary area who are ready to pursue graduate study. We believe the benefits of the *Bridge to the Doctorate Program* will also encourage interest.

Bridge to the Doctorate Benefits:

- Tuition and fees paid and enrollment in a health insurance benefit program
- Student stipends of \$30,000 annually for two years (*pending NSF Funding*)
- Individualized faculty mentoring and coaching
- Participation in professional conferences and meetings
- Links to research and professional opportunities
- Enriched academic services and support by staff dedicated to the promotion of future leadership in the scientific enterprise

Important information regarding the graduate fellowship program

Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship Overview

Drexel University's Bridge to the Doctorate (BTD) graduate fellowship program, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) promotes the participation of underrepresented minority students in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

WHAT are the benefits?

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Applicants to the program are evaluated on their undergraduate record including professional performance and research experiences. The successful applicant will pursue the Ph.D. degree in a STEM discipline.

For more information, please forward your inquiries to **BTD@drexel.edu**.

*Pending NSF Funding. ** Visit www.drexel.edu/apply/grad to review application requirements for specific programs of interest.



Drexel University Application for the Bridge to the Doctorate Program

FIRST NAME:			LAST NAME:			M.I.
GENDER (CIRCLE ONE)	MALE		FEMALE			
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		TELEPHONE NUMBER		E-MAIL ADDRESS		
HOME / PERMANENT ADDRESS				LOCAL ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM PERMANENT)		
Street				Street		
City	State	Zip Code	City	State	Zip Code	
RESIDENCY INFORMATION						
<input type="checkbox"/> US Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident	<i>(Attach a copy of Resident Alien card)</i>				
ETHNIC BACKGROUND (CIRCLE ONE OR MORE RESPONSES)						
Asian	Alaskan Native	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	Native American	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	White (Non-Hispanic)
Other (Please Specify):						
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND						
University		Current Major (Baccalaureate)			Cum GPA	
					out of	
Junior Year GPA		Senior Year GPA			Major GPA	
out of		out of			out of	
Area of Study		Date of Graduation (or Expected Date)			GRE:	
					Please attach a copy of your GRE score	
					M V Essay	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE						
Position		Employer			Duration	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE						
Name of Advisor / Lab		Institution			Duration	
GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING?						
OTHER FELLOWSHIPS						
Have you applied for or been awarded other fellowship support?				Yes	No	
				Source of Award:	Amount Awarded	
NOMINATING LSAMP OFFICIAL (AT UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTION)						
Name of Nominating LSAMP Official (Last, First, Middle Initial)				Institution		
Department		E-Mail		Phone		
Signature of LSAMP Official						

Application for Bridge to the Doctorate

Please read the following carefully and sign only if you are in agreement:

- I certify that I am a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident of the U.S.
- I agree that I am committed to the pursuit of the Ph.D.
- I certify that I have participated in a LSAMP program as an undergraduate.
- I certify that I am not currently and have not previously enrolled in a graduate program.
- I understand that my eligibility to continue in the Bridge to the Doctorate Program is contingent upon my majoring in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field of study as specified by the NSF.
- I understand that the Bridge to the Doctorate Program has a full-time minimum enrollment requirement.
- I understand that if I am accepted as a Bridge to the Doctorate fellow, I am expected to participate fully in all activities and/or seminars and provide information in a timely manner as required.
- I hereby certify that all statements in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and understanding.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Note: This is an application for the Bridge to the Doctorate Graduate Fellowship Program at Drexel University. You must apply and be accepted into a STEM (science, technology, engineering or mathematics) graduate program at Drexel to be eligible for the fellowship.

Did you remember to include:

Bridge to the Doctorate (BTD) Application Submission Requirements

- *Completed and Signed Bridge to the Doctorate Program Application*
- *Copy of Official Transcript (attach to application)*
- *Copy of GRE Scores (attach to application)*
- *Resume (attach to application)*
- *Copy of your Resident Alien card, if applicable*

Checklist of Required Documents

Drexel University Graduate Admissions Application Checklist*

- Completed Drexel University Graduate Admissions Application
(Candidates may apply online at <http://www.drexel.edu/grad/apply/online-app/> or use the paper application attached. The \$75 application fee is waived for students who apply online).
- Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
(Candidates can use the Electronic Letter of Recommendation found at <http://deptapp.drexel.edu/em/LOR> or submit official paper copies in a signed and sealed envelope).
- Official Transcript
- Official copies of GRE test scores from ETS
(The test code for Drexel University is 2194).
- Resume

Please mail all Drexel University Graduate Admissions Application materials not submitted electronically to: *Drexel University, Graduate Admissions, P.O. Box 34789, Philadelphia, PA 19101-4789.*

*Each candidate for graduate admission should verify their intended program's application requirements and deadlines at www.drexel.edu/apply/grad

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Please mail all Bridge to the Doctorate Application materials to: *Attn. Marisol Rodriguez, Drexel Learning Center, 3210 Chestnut Street, Creese Student Center Suite 050, Philadelphia, PA 19104*