

Center for Inclusive Education

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The Center for Inclusive Education is pleased to announce this year's call for nominations for the Dr. W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship to recruit to Stony Brook students of high academic promise from groups historically underrepresented in graduate study and the professoriate.

As in the past, graduate programs that submit one or more Turner nominations may make one additional offer beyond their number of authorized offers under the backstopping process. A program that is allocated 5 lines with an offer ratio of 3 will be allowed to make 15 offers in addition to their top Turner nominee. This means that your top Turner nominee will not count against your authorized offers. This does not mean, however, that your program will receive an additional TA line if a Turner Fellowship is awarded. If your program over-recruits, your extra lines will have to be paid back via the backstopping process. The purpose of this fellowship is to allow you to go after top diverse applicants recognizing that the conversion of such offers is often lower.

We anticipate extending 30-40 offers to yield 15-20 new Turner fellows for the fall of 2023.

The CIE will continue with the updated Turner funding appointment process, in which the departments no longer fill out the Turner supplement amount on their State Appointment form or fill out a separate RF Fellowship form for the Turner portion of the stipend package. The CIE will disburse stipend supplements as a financial aid post via the student's SOLAR account, in increments over the fall and spring semesters. For students who are in a stand-alone, Turner-supported fellowship year (usually in their final year), the CIE will process their appointment paperwork as a full Graduate Assistant. We will continue to provide detailed procedural information as they arise.

Eligibility and Award Structure

1. Nominees must be US Citizens or Permanent Residents who will contribute to the diversity of the student body.
2. The focus of the Turner Fellowship is to support students in pursuit of terminal degrees. Therefore doctoral applicants are given highest consideration for awards. A very limited number of master's fellowship nominees will be considered with strong justification.
3. The State University of New York offers these graduate fellowships to students who have been admitted to graduate or professional study and who will contribute to the diversity of the student body, especially those who can demonstrate that they have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education. Thus, programs may consider nominating students who are of a race or ethnicity historically underrepresented in its discipline or profession, but awards may not be made solely on that basis. If you have any questions regarding the eligibility of an applicant or concerning the Turner Program, please feel free to contact us at TurnerFellowships@stonybrook.edu.

The duration of the Turner Fellowship award is five years for doctoral students, four years for medical school students, three years for MFA students, and up to two years for terminal master's students (contingent upon length of the degree program). Students who have previously earned a master's degree or who are currently enrolled in a master's degree program and are applying to transition to the doctoral program are eligible for nomination.

The Turner Fellowship provides \$50,000 (\$40,000 for MD, \$30,000 for the MFA and \$20,000 for terminal, two year masters degrees) in supplemental support to attract the best domestic applicants from underrepresented groups paid as a supplement to program-level support (assistantship, stipend, tuition scholarship, etc.).

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Students nominated for doctoral degree fellowships must have already received an offer of admission to the program with full support. Nomination for the Turner Fellowship by the program implies agreement to provide a minimum of a full TA/GA/RA line for PhD programs or ½ TA/GA/RA line for Master's students, plus full tuition scholarship for the duration of the fellowship period. **For full consideration, departments must demonstrate a commitment to maintain full TA/GA/RA line support to Turner awardees – Turner funding may not be used to reduce or offset your program's cost.** In recent years some doctoral programs have found it preferable to divide the Turner supplement support differently among the five-year period. To that end, the CIE is open to alternative funding structures to recruit Turner Fellows in cases where the standard model has not yielded success.

Deadlines

All nominees must be identified within SLATE by **Friday, January 27th, 2023** (see 1a below for instructions if your program does not utilize the Graduate Instance of SLATE). Complete nomination dockets are due by close of business on **Monday, February 6th**.

The selection committee will review nominations in February, and an announcement of award recipients will be sent via email on or before February 28th.

If your doctoral degree program's deadline date for submission of applications that will be considered for financial support is later than January 15, please contact the Turner Fellowship office.

Nominations Procedures and Materials:

A maximum of **five** nominations will be considered by any one graduate program or department. Nomination materials must be submitted electronically to TurnerFellowships@stonybrook.edu by the Graduate Program Director **before the close of business on the deadline dates indicated.**

1. Identify the nominee(s) using the fellowship nomination button for "Turner Fellowship" in SLATE (see enclosed instructions).
 - a. Programs that do not fall under the Graduate Program instance in SLATE must email the names of intended nominees to TurnerFellowships@stonybrook.edu by the deadline date indicated above.
2. Letter of nomination written/endorsed by the Graduate Program Director. The letter must do the following:
 - a. Describe the criteria the program employs, beyond grade point average and course performance, in making admissions decisions and why this student is considered a top candidate for the program
 - b. Indicate what aspect of the nominee's experience and/or plans prompted the program to nominate for an award seeking to diversify the doctoral student body at Stony Brook and broaden participation of underrepresented groups in research and the academy
 - c. Describe in detail any aspects of the nominee file for which the program wishes to provide additional context
 - d. ***New*** Describe departmental plans, resources and/or programming to support the retention of the potential Turner Fellow(s); Specifically within the first year, and also throughout the duration of their academic journey
3. A copy of the nominee's Offer of Admission Letter and Offer of Financial Support signed by the Graduate Program Director. **Programs are encouraged to provide comparative data with peer institutions as a reference point for comparison of the Turner offer.**
4. If unavailable in SLATE, submission of relevant transcripts, resume/CV, and copies of the nominee's three letters of recommendation from their application to graduate study



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NOTE: The CIE Turner Office will directly contact Turner Fellowship Award nominees to obtain the Turner Statement. Departments are no longer required to solicit the Turner Statement from nominees.

Nominees must have already received their offer of admission and their offer letter from the program before the February 6th deadline.

If you encounter problems compiling or sending the electronic nomination package, please contact Elizanne Warren-Russell, Program Coordinator, at 631-632-1387 or TurnerFellowships@stonybrook.edu.