



**SUNY
DOWNSTATE**
Health Sciences University

2021-2022 Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program

State University of New York offers a scholarship program to recruit, enroll, and retain students who will contribute to the diversity of the student body in the university's graduate and professional programs.

Eligibility: Applicants must be:

- ☐ U.S. citizens or hold permanent resident status.
- ☐ Accepted as matriculated, full-time students (registering for at least 9 graduate credits each semester) in a graduate program. OR
- ☐ Currently enrolled doctoral candidates who have completed all degree requirements but the dissertation ("ABD").
- ☐ Students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA each semester and making progress through their program to continue to receive funding.

How to Apply

- ☐ **Diversity Essay:** Please state how you can contribute to the diversity of the student body in your program or school, primarily by demonstrating that you have overcome a disadvantage in order to achieve success in higher education. (1-2 typed pages).
- ☐ **Submit 2 letters** of recommendation (one from your Dean or Department Chair) attesting to your academic ability and worthiness of this award to financialaid@downstate.edu directly. If you are a new student, you can use a prior Dean or Department Chair.
- ☐ **Deadline:** Complete the application and email it to Financialaid@downstate.edu by **September 3, 2021**

1. SUNY Student ID. _____

2. Name: _____
Last First M.I. Other Name(s)

3. Mailing Address: _____
Street
City State Zip

4. Home Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

5. Program and Degree to which you have been accepted:

Degree

Program

6. As an undergraduate, were you an EOP student? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you a Graduate Assistant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I certify that the information submitted in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read and agree to the guidelines of the fellowship should I be granted this award.

Signature of Applicant

Date