

To be submitted by Director of Graduate Studies

Each academic program is responsible for recommendations to the Graduate School on admission and Clifford D. Clark Diversity Fellowship for Graduate Students funding. Applicants must be admitted to the program before they can be nominated for the fellowship.

Using the nomination form, each program is responsible for nominating applicants whom they recommend for the fellowship. Nominations should be submitted to the Graduate School by one of the review dates: February 1 (limited portion of awards), or March 1 (remainder of awards). Given the competitive nature of these awards, early submissions of strong applicants are encouraged.

Candidates for a Clifford D. Clark Diversity Fellowship for Graduate Students must:

- Be US citizens or have permanent resident status
- Be newly admitted to a graduate program
- Demonstrate how they will contribute to the diversity of the student body in their program

Applicants for this fellowship must provide a second essay (maximum of 500 words) addressing how they will contribute to the diversity of the student body in their graduate program. The supplemental essay must address how the following apply to the applicant: 1) history of overcoming disadvantage; 2) first-generation college student; 3) raised in a single-parent household; and/or 4) member of a group historically underrepresented in higher education (African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or Hispanic American). The essay must address not only the applicant's personal background but also how they intend to use these experiences and lessons learned to enhance diversity in their program and Binghamton University. Membership in a racial/ethnic group that is underrepresented in the graduate program may serve as a plus factor in making the awards, but does not form the sole basis of awards. Although not a requirement, economic disadvantage (as determined by federal income guidelines, or FAFSA) may be the basis for eligibility under this category. Every applicant will be evaluated on his or her own merits.

The nomination requires an assessment from the Graduate Director of the nominee's strengths and weaknesses relative to the graduate program and specification of who the faculty advisor would be. If the nominee's application is weak in any area, there should be a statement of how that weakness will be addressed.

Graduate Program: _____

Graduate Director: _____

Email: _____

Initial Faculty Advisor: _____

Email: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

How will this student contribute to the diversity of the student body in your program and Binghamton University? (250 word maximum)

What are the strengths of this nominee? Comment on nominee's credentials (e.g., GPA, GRE if applicable) (100 word maximum)

What are areas of concern (or weaknesses) of this nominee and how does the department plan to address these concerns? (100 words max)

How will the department support and mentor this nominee to ensure the timely progress and successful completion of degree requirements? (100 word maximum)

Date: _____

Required partial department support and total years qualified students can be funded:

- For a student entering a doctoral program with a bachelor's degree, support is for up to five years. Partial department support is required for one semester each year.
- For a student entering a doctoral program with a master's degree, support is for up to three years. Partial department support is required for one semester each year.
- For a student entering a master's program with a bachelor's degree, support is for up to two years. Partial department support is required for one semester each year.