Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

What is the Ford Predoc?
- Predoctoral Fellowship
- Supports three years of graduate school
- Stipend $24000/year (Average $25K)
- Tuition and Fees Remission $6000/year
- Distinction

^Over a 5 year period; must receive funding year one before deferring

Why Apply for the Ford Predoc?
- Distinction
- Enhanced Appeal
- Income
- Increased Project Freedom
- Experience in Proposal Writing
- Network of Fellows
- Ford Fellows Conference
- Professional Development
- Foot in the Ford Foundation Door

Eligibility:
- All citizens, nationals and permanent residents (holders of a Permanent Resident Card) of the United States, and individuals granted deferred action status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program, regardless of race, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation
- Individuals with evidence of superior academic achievement (such as grade point average, class rank, honors or other designations)
- Individuals committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level
- Intend to pursue a research-based Sc.D or Ph.D. program
- Planning to be enrolled in US graduate institution by fall 2016

When to Apply:
- Senior year of undergraduate degree
- First year of graduate school

Deadlines to be Mindful of:
September 2015: Competition Opens
November 20, 2015, 5 pm EST/2 pm PST: Application Deadline
January 8, 2016, 5 pm EST/2 pm PST: Supplementary Materials Deadline

- Biological & Biomedical Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Earth Sciences
- Ecological, Environmental, & Evolutionary Sciences
- Education
- Engineering
- History
- Interdisciplinary Study (Social Sciences & Humanities)
- Literature & Languages
- Mathematics

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• Performance Studies, Communication, & Art History
• Philosophy & Religious Studies
• Physics & Astronomy
• Psychology
• Social Sciences
  • Social/Cultural Anthropology, and Archeology
• Sociology

*All Applications due by 5 pm EST/2 pm PST
Three Reference letters due by January 8, 2016 by 5 pm EST/2 pm PST
Transcripts (Bachelors and Graduate School, if applicable), Verification Form and Three –Year Remaining Statement due by January 8, 2016 by 5 pm EST/2 pm PST

Ford Predoc Announcements: March/April 2016
• Fellow Awardees

To Do Now (Summer/Early Fall):
1. Register for a National Academies account (to access application; see Online Resources for the link to Create a National Academies Account)

2. Verification of Predoctoral Status (VS) Form and one-page (maximum) essay. Your adviser/current research mentor must sign the National Academies Verification of Predoctoral Status Form confirming that you requires a minimum of three years of full-time study to complete the Ph.D./Sc.D. degree as of the fall 2016 semester. In addition, you must verify with a one-page (maximum) statement that you still require a minimum of three years of full-time study to complete the Ph.D./Sc.D. as of the fall 2016 semester.


4. Identify three letter writers—make sure you ask if they can write you a strong letter. If they cannot, identify who can.

5. Give letter writers your materials:
   a. To help them craft your letter
   b. For feedback

6. Order Transcripts

7. Begin online application (See Online Resources for the link to Navigating the National Academies Online Portal)

Assignment:
1.) Draft your Personal Statement (2 pages maximum) describing your background and experience and commitment to the goals of the Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs by addressing all of the following that apply:
   • Capacity to respond in pedagogically productive ways to the learning needs of students from diverse backgrounds
   • Sustained personal engagement with communities that are underrepresented in the academy and ability to bring this asset to learning, teaching and scholarship at the college or university level
• Likelihood of using the diversity of human experience as an educational resource in teaching and scholarship, and
• Membership in one or more of the following groups whose underrepresentation in the American professoriate has been severe and longstanding:
  - Alaska Natives (Aleut, Eskimo or other Indigenous People of Alaska)
  - Black/African Americans
  - Mexican Americans/Chicanas/Chicanos
  - Native American Indians
  - Native Pacific Islanders (Hawaiian/Polynesian/Micronesia)
  - Puerto Ricans

Bring TWO copies of the Personal Statement to the October 5, 2015 Feedback Workshop 4-5:30pm, HSN 103

2.) Draft your **Statement of Previous Research and Scholarly Productivity** (maximum three pages), including a list of publications and presentations.

Bring TWO copies of the **Statement of Previous Research and Scholarly Productivity** to the October 5, 2015 Feedback Workshop 4-5:30 pm, HSN 103

3.) Draft your **Proposed Plan of Graduate Study and Research and Long-Range Career Goals** (maximum two pages, avoid technical jargon)

Bring TWO copies of the **Proposed Plan of Graduate Study and Research and Long-Range Career Goals** to the October 19, 2015 Feedback Workshop 4-5:30 pm, HSN 103

**General Formatting and Guidelines:**
- The statements must be written using standard 8.5” x 11” page size
- 12-point, Times New Roman font (Windows or Mac), Arial (Windows), or Helvetica (Mac); please make sure that all styles used throughout the document adhere to this specification. Please make sure that any special characters (e.g., Greek characters, arrows, symbols) have been inserted in Times New Roman font, and not in a Greek or other Symbol font.
- 1” margins on all sides
- Double spaced
- Please do not include headers, footers, or page numbers in any document files.
- Save files in PDF format

**Failure to follow these guidelines will result in an application being returned without review**

**Online Resources:**
- Ford Foundation/National Academies Site: [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/fordfellowships/index.htm](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/fordfellowships/index.htm)
- Creating a National Academies Account: [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_050530#login](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_050530#login)
- Navigating the National Academies Online Application Portal: [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_050530](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_050530)
- Reference Letter Writer Site: [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_050530#Reference](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_050530#Reference)
- General Formatting Guidelines: [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/cs/groups/pgasite/documents/webpage/pga_064026.pdf](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/cs/groups/pgasite/documents/webpage/pga_064026.pdf)