

## Criteria for HUEL D. PERKINS DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS FOR 2014-2015

(Revised, Fall 2013)

Huel D. Perkins Fellowships in the amount of \$20,000 per student per fiscal year may be authorized at the discretion of the Dean of the Graduate School when funds are available. These fellowships are intended to support the LSU and national goals of increasing the numbers of historically under-represented groups in graduate schools, including, but not limited to: 1) first-generation college students from low-income families, 2) African American/Black, 3) Hispanic American, 4) American Indian, 5) Alaskan Native, 6) Native Hawaiians and 7) other U.S. Pacific Islanders. Undergraduate students who participated in McNair Scholars Programs, NSF AGEP Programs, NIH BUILD Programs and similar Federal programs to promote diversity should be considered for these fellowships, though such past participation is not a requirement.

All recipients must be newly entering doctoral students at the time of the appointment. Students will be considered based on the academic and non-academic strengths and achievements of all eligible students. The extent to which the student contributes to the diversity of the graduate program and in the field of study may also be considered.

A selection committee appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School will review nominations from departments or applications for graduate study on an on-going basis when fellowships are available. Approximately ten (10) awards will be awarded in any fiscal year. The selection committee shall review each nominee's file, giving consideration to all academic and non-academic strengths and achievements, and the ways a nominee might contribute to a diverse educational environment, including the applicant's personal statement of their expectations of graduate study. Departments will be requested to provide input wherever possible.

Students selected for the award will receive a contract offer via email from the LSU Graduate School. Departmental graduate advisers will receive a copy of that email. Awarded students will be appointed by the Graduate School Assistantship Coordinator.

Students are appointed on a fiscal-year basis and must enroll for summer as well as fall and spring semesters. While a tuition exemption is provided for both resident tuition and non-resident fees, students are responsible for paying applicable University fees. Students on this fellowship, who enroll in one of LSU's three student health insurance plans, qualify for an insurance exemption benefit of \$350 per semester (fall and spring). This includes summer coverage. A student may hold a supplement OR an enhancement in addition to this award, but not both. The supplement or enhancement must come from the department's allocation.

The Fellowships may be continued for up to four consecutive years if funding is available; departments should plan to continue Fellowships from other funding sources for students who take longer than four years to complete their terminal degree.

Students who are awarded Perkins Fellowships must remain in good standing in the Graduate School and maintain **a 3.0 overall and semester GPA**. They may not hold other appointments nor be employed while on the Perkins Fellowship; they should devote full time to doctoral studies.

Students on Perkins Fellowships are required to agree to the following contractual terms:

*I understand that I am required to maintain full-time status in the **Fall (9 hours), Spring (9 hours), and Summer (6 hours)** terms and that I must make satisfactory progress toward a doctoral degree. The term "satisfactory progress" includes maintaining semester and cumulative grade point averages of at least 3.0 and meeting the appropriate deadlines for submission of degree documents such as programs of study, exam requests, etc.*

*I understand that I am required to provide one semester of teaching services as determined by my graduate advisor/department and to have one semester of a significant community engagement component as determined by LSU Graduate School dean/mentor.*

*I am required to schedule a meeting with the dean (and/or his/her designee) of The Graduate School at least annually to discuss my progress. I will email a semester progress report (narrative) including courses taken, papers written and/or presented at meetings and conferences, research and any other significant factors in my*

*progress towards the PhD to the dean of The Graduate School at [gradawards@lsu.edu](mailto:gradawards@lsu.edu). This report is due by the last day of class (as determined by the University Calendar) each semester.*

*Any intellectual property developed during my study on this award must be reported to LSU and the funding agency and its contractors; my acceptance of this award acknowledges my agreement to abide by the conditions of [PM-64](#) and all other applicable university policies, procedures and regulations.*

*My name and photograph may be used in publications (electronic and print) as a recipient of this award. Since I am expected to devote full-time to my studies, I understand that any employment will violate my acceptance of this fellowship.*

*I hereby authorize the LSU Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability to release information as to my academic and accountability standing at LSU to The Graduate School in order that they may certify my continuing eligibility for this award.*

*If for any reason I do not fulfill the above requirements, my fellowship will be terminated and I may owe the university a portion of the tuition charges for the current semester. The repayment of any charges will be based on the refund schedule as published in the registration booklet each semester.*

*I will notify the dean of The Graduate School of any changes that may affect my eligibility.*

Students will be required to submit a report of performance indicators at the conclusion of each academic year. These indicators will include, but are not limited to, student-specific data such as GREs, GPAs, a paragraph by the student on his/her progress, and a paragraph by the faculty mentor on the student's progress.

Questions regarding Perkins Fellowships should be addressed to the Office of the Dean, LSU Graduate School at [gradawards@lsu.edu](mailto:gradawards@lsu.edu). The foregoing criteria shall remain in effect until July 31, 2015, unless repealed or modified prior to that date.

**LSU GRADUATE SCHOOL HUEL D. PERKINS DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP  
NOMINATION FORM**

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department

To: Office of the Dean, Graduate School

We verify that the following student meets all of the requirements of the Graduate School HUEL D. PERKINS DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP and is hereby nominated.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Student has been selected by a departmental committee.
- Student will be entering a Doctoral program.

**Nominee:**  Mr.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_

Intl.  U.S. citizen Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Start date: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Advisor's email: \_\_\_\_\_ Other email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Attachments:**

- Letter of recommendation from graduate advisor and/or other faculty members (not the major professor) who have first-hand knowledge of the student's potential  
Student's statement of interest from the graduate application
- Nomination letter from department head explaining the student's strengths and how this student will contribute to the diversity of the program

**Approval signatures required:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate Advisor Date Department Chair Date

**Below this line to be completed by the Graduate School:**

UG GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Nomination: \_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_ Disapproved  
Graduate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
GRE/GMAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Office of the Dean, Graduate School Date