

APSA Minority Fellows Program

The APSA Minority Fellows Program, established in 1969 as an effort to increase the number of minority scholars in the discipline, has designated more than 300 fellows and contributed to the successful completion of doctoral political science programs for over 70 individuals. This year, the Association has refocused and increased its efforts to assist minority students in completing their doctorates by concentrating not only on the recruitment of minorities, but also on the retention of these groups within the profession.

Beginning this Fall, the Minority Fellows Program has increased funding and expanded the fellowship from six to twelve stipend minority fellows. Additional applicants who do not receive funds from the Association may also be recognized and recommended for admission and financial support to graduate political science programs across the country. Fellows with stipends receive a \$4,000 fellowship that is disbursed in two \$2,000 payments—one at the end of their first graduate year and one at the end of their second—provided that they remain in good academic standing. APSA can dispense some of the funds at the start of the academic year by request of the student. Awards are based on students' undergraduate course work, GPA, extracurricular activities, GRE scores, and recommendations from faculty.

ELIGIBILITY

The APSA Minority Fellows Program is primarily designed for African American, Asian Pacific American, Latino/a, and Native American students who are entering a doctoral program in political science *for the first time*. Applicants must be:

- College/university seniors or graduate students currently enrolled in a master's program *applying* to a doctoral program in political science, or students currently enrolled in a Master's program *applying* for doctoral study at another institution; and
- Citizens of the United States.

Applicants must also show strong academic achievement in prior political science and related courses; demonstrate an interest in teaching and potential for research in political science; and demonstrate financial need.

APPLICATION

Interested students should go to the Minority Fellows Program web page at www.apsanet.org/programs/minority to download the application form. Applications must be postmarked to APSA by **October 26, 2007** and must include the following materials *in one packet*:

- A completed application form;
- Three letters of recommendation from academic sources;
- Official transcripts for all collegiate institutions attended;
- GRE scores; and
- A personal statement.

SELECTION

Awards will be announced at the end of November, and students will need to accept formally by December. Recipient profiles will appear in the April 2008 issue of *PS: Political Science & Politics*.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Twelve minority students entering political science doctoral programs are selected to receive \$4,000.

Non-funded fellows are also recognized and recommended to graduate programs.

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