

FAQs:

1. **Can international students apply?** No, this program is only for US citizens and permanent residents.
2. **Is there an application fee?** No, there is no fee for applying to this program.
3. **Can I apply to multiple programs?** Yes, but you will be required to submit a separate application under a different email address.
4. **How long should the statement of academic goals be?** It should be no longer than 2 pages double-spaced. The font must be no smaller than 10 pt and no larger than 12 pt.
5. **Do I need prerequisites for the program?** It depends on the program you are applying to for admission. Check the application checklist for any departmental prerequisites.
6. **Do I need to send official transcripts for all schools I have attended?** No, you must only submit unofficial transcripts for the institution where you received your undergraduate and or graduate degree(s). If you are selected for the program, then you would have to supply official transcripts.
7. **Do I need to take the GRE?** **No GRES ARE NOT REQUIRED and will not be considered in the evaluation of your application if submitted.**
8. **When will I be notified about the selection?** Students will be notified between mid-April to early-June 2024.
9. **If selected, when would I start the program?** The program starts in the Fall of 2024. You would need to be in Pittsburgh in mid to late August for orientation. There is a virtual Summer Institute that you will be invited to attend.
10. **What does the program provide?** Fellows receive a two-term fellowship with a stipend that is currently \$22,780 along with full tuition remission and fees for the two terms and university provided individual health insurance. The award package is currently valued between \$51,000 to \$70,000.
11. **What is not covered by the program?** Relocation expenses, \$30 student activity fee each term, books, and your living expenses. These should be covered by your stipend.
12. **Must I be registered?** Yes, you are considered a full-time student and must be registered for at least 9 credits.
13. **Can I self-design my own program?** No, if you are selected as a fellow the program you are admitted to, and the department will devise a plan with your input to make you the best candidate to get into a PhD program.
14. **Can I pick my mentor?** No, available mentors change each year and depending on your interest you are assigned to a mentor that is aligned with your interests. You can indicate in your statement of academic goals the names of any mentors you would be interested in working with in the program. There is an exception for Psychology.
15. **Can I get an advance on my stipend?** No. If selected for the program your first stipend payment will be on the last working day of September 2024. HMB students do receive \$1000 after they have been onboarded.