

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. When you are ready to submit your application select the check option and then do not submit a check.
3. **Can I apply to multiple programs?** No
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, it is recommended but not required.
8. **When will I be notified about the selection?** Students will be notified between mid-May to mid-June 2017.
9. **If selected when would I start the program?** The program starts in the Fall of 2017. You would need to be in Pittsburgh in mid to late August for orientation.
10. **What does the program provide?** Fellows receive a two term fellowship with a stipend that is currently \$22,042, along with full tuition remission and fees for the two terms and the option to purchase health insurance (health insurance fee is already included in the stipend). The award package is currently valued between \$50,000 to \$60,000.
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 will devise a plan with your input in order 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 2017.