

Hertz Fellowship Application is Now Open

The Hertz Fellowship provides financial and lifelong professional support for the nation's most promising graduate students in science and technology.

The fellowship includes up to five years of funding, valued at up to \$250,000, and the freedom to pursue innovative projects wherever they may lead. In addition, fellows take part in ongoing mentoring, symposia, and workshops with our vibrant community of more than 1200 fellows, a set of peers who span disciplines, generations, and geography.

Before applying, we encourage you to explore the details of the fellowship to make sure it's the right fit for you. You can email us with any questions at fellowshipinfo@hertzfoundation.org, or visit our [frequently asked questions](#).

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Eligibility

We know the nation's most promising talent can come in many packages, from different disciplines, backgrounds, and points of view.

To help focus our search, we've established the following eligibility criteria. We understand there are sometimes unique circumstances, so please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions at fellowshipinfo@hertzfoundation.org.

All eligible applicants must:

- be college seniors, first-year graduate students, or in a gap year preparing to apply to graduate school;
- intend to pursue a PhD in the applied physical and biological sciences, mathematics, or engineering;
- intend to direct their studies toward understanding and solving major, near-term problems facing society; and
- be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

We do not award fellowships to applicants pursuing professional degrees other than a PhD, such as an MD, JD, MBA, DPH, or DVM. However, we will support the PhD portion of an MD/PhD program.

Anti-Discrimination Notice: We do not discriminate against any individual on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, registered domestic partner status, age, sexual orientation, military and veteran status, or any other basis protected by law.

Compensation

The Hertz Fellowship compensation package includes a cost-of-education allowance and a personal stipend valued at up to \$250,000.

Fellows have two options for receiving their fellowship compensation.

Option 1: Funding from the Hertz Foundation Only

- \$34,000/nine-month personal stipend
- Full tuition equivalent
- Renewable annually for up to five years
- \$5,000/year stipend for fellows with dependent children

Option 2: Coordination with Another Awarding Institution

If you receive a fellowship, scholarship, or grant offer from another institution, we'll coordinate with that institution to make sure you can take advantage of each offer and receive the maximum possible compensation.

Example: Three year fellowship with the National Science Foundation (NSF)

- Hertz Foundation period: Full tuition equivalent and \$40,000/nine-month personal stipend
 - NSF period: \$8,000/year supplemental stipend from Hertz Foundation
 - Renewable annually for up to five years
 - \$5,000/year stipend for fellows with dependent children
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Moral Commitment

The Hertz Foundation strongly believes that science and technology should make a positive impact on our nation.

As a public charity, we are committed to empowering young minds who will put their talents to work when it matters most. That is why before awarding a fellowship, we require that applicants

make a nonbinding moral commitment to make their skills available to the United States in times of national emergency.

Importantly, this is not a contractual obligation. We do not tell our fellows that the nation requires their action, and we have no definition for what constitutes a national emergency.

Throughout history, science and technology have played essential roles in overcoming major challenges facing society, from creating vaccines that fight global epidemics to developing technology that predicts natural disasters. We leave it up to each fellow to determine in their eyes whether the nation faces a truly serious challenge and if they are positioned to use their knowledge and abilities to address it.

Fields of Study

The Hertz Foundation awards fellowships to graduate students pursuing a PhD in the applied physical and biological sciences, mathematics, or engineering.

We do not award fellowships based on an applicant's particular field of study; however, we do require that applicants direct their work toward understanding and solving major, near-term problems facing society. For each applicant, that could mean something different—inventing a new technology, developing a business, or applying their interests in innovative ways.

It's up to the applicant to advocate for their specific field of study and demonstrate how it will be applied to address real-world challenges with the greatest impact.

View our [list of fellows](#) to learn more about their fields of interest.

Participating Schools

The Hertz Foundation has agreements in place with more than 40 top universities.

The Hertz Foundation has established a standard agreement with participating graduate schools to coordinate paying the stipend, tuition, and other costs for our fellows. If you're awarded a fellowship and your school is not on the list of participating schools, you may ask to have it added to the list, and we'll do our best to work with your school to negotiate an agreement. Fellows may also change to another participating school at any time during their fellowship.

Arizona State University
California Institute of Technology
Carnegie Mellon University
Columbia University

Cornell University
Duke University
Emory University
Georgia Institute of Technology

Harvard University
Johns Hopkins University
Lehigh University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
New York University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Stanford University
State University of New York at Stony Brook
Texas A&M University
The Scripps Research Institute
University of Arizona
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis

University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles

University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, San Francisco
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Denver
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Maryland
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota Twin Cities
University of Rochester
University of Southern California
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Washington University in St. Louis
Yale University

2021 Fellowship Application Open

We are currently accepting applications for the 2021 Hertz Fellowship through October 23, 2020.

Thank you for your interest in the Hertz Fellowship! Before applying, we encourage you to explore the details of the fellowship to make sure it's the right fit for you. Please review the resources below, and feel free to email us with any questions at fellowshipinfo@hertzfoundation.org.

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