GRADUATE STUDIES DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP FOR INCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT

The purpose of the Graduate Studies Doctoral Fellowship for Inclusive Engagement (DFIE) is to assist in the recruitment and retention of highly qualified students to doctoral programs at the University of Denver for the purpose of furthering the University’s mission of inclusive excellence specifically in regard to attributes such as race, ethnicity, class, gender, age, culture, religion, sexual orientation, or (dis)ability. Awards will be made to excellent nominees as soon as they are received and approved. A small portion of the total DFIE funds will be reserved for rolling admissions.

For each student recommended, the department submits a detailed nomination form and a letter from the student explaining current engagement in activities that contribute to an inclusive environment that benefits all students. Please refer to the Inclusive Engagement Fellowship Policies and Procedures (http://www.du.edu/media/documents/graduates/inclusiveengagementfp.pdf) for additional information.

GSDF and DFIE Awards and Eligibility

The maximum award that can be requested per student is $4,500 per year and $1,500 per quarter, spread evenly across the quarters of attendance. The award can be combined with other types of aid including GTA or GRA appointments in order to create a financial aid package that will assist the highest qualified students. Both fellowships are merit-based.

- Only doctoral students are eligible for these awards. Doctoral students may be domestic or international.
- The awarding of the GSDF is based on merit. While graduate units may set their own specific guidelines regarding the definition of merit, each nominee must possess high GPAs for all previous work, have attained exceptional scores on graduate entrance exams (GRE, etc.), an acceptable TOEFL/IELTS score or equivalent if an international student and have a strong letter of support from the admitting unit. Only the very best applicants should be nominated.
- Students must be enrolled for at least eight quarter hour credits of coursework (i.e., not Continuous Enrollment) during each quarter in which they receive the GSDF. If the student drops below the minimum enrollment for the quarter, the award will be withdrawn for that quarter.
- The Associate Provost approves or denies the request and the department is notified of the decision.
- The department notifies the student of the status of the award. Students with approved awards must log in to PioneerWeb (https://PioneerWeb.du.edu) and go to Financial Aid Awards to accept the award.
- The GSDF award will then be dispersed through the Office of Financial Aid.