

Online Fellowship for Underrepresented U.S. Racial/Ethnic Minority Groups

Introduction

To help promote diversity and inclusion in the engineering workforce and the University of Tennessee student body, funding is available to qualified students from underrepresented U.S. racial/ethnic minority groups.

Eligibility

To be eligible, an applicant must be:

1. An admitted graduate student in the degree or certificate programs in Industrial and Systems Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, or Mechanical Engineering at UTK,
2. a U.S. citizen with preference given to State of Tennessee residence,
3. able to demonstrate motivation and ability to succeed in graduate engineering based on academic record, a written essay, and three letters of recommendation.

Financial Support

The financial support is provided to students under these options:

1. Online/Distance Minority Fellowship – (Full-tuition and fees, plus support for books)

This fellowship is for online/distance master's degree seeking students who need to begin or continue full-time work careers. Students receive full-tuition and fees, plus support for books. Students are expected to take 3-9 credit hours per term.

2. Part-time Minority Fellowship (Half-tuition and fees)

The Part-time Minority Fellowship is for master's degree seeking students who can provide some of their own financial support for tuition, fees, and books, but need the flexibility to attend graduate school on a part-time schedule.

Additional Information

UTSI Minority Fellows are Graduate Students of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and are subject to the academic policies and requirement in the Graduate Catalog located at <https://catalog.utk.edu/index.php>.

Continuous Enrollment: All degree-seeking students are expected to make a full commitment to their graduate and/or professional study in order to ensure that they can complete all degree requirements without unnecessary delay. Graduate students are therefore required to maintain an active status through continuous enrollment from the time of first enrollment until graduation. The full policy is at https://catalog.utk.edu/content.php?catoid=30&navoid=3866&hl=continuous&returnto=search#cont_enroll.

Students must maintain an average Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0. Note: A grade of C+ is defined as less than satisfactory performance; a grade of C is performance well below the standard expected of graduate students by the Graduate Catalog.

The Online/Distance Fellowship pays tuition and fees, plus a stipend for books and does not require service to the department.

The Part-Time Fellowship pays half-tuition and fees, plus a partial stipend for books.

For students with employer tuition benefits, the fellowship covers the balance after

The fellowship may be renewed for the duration of the terms as described above as long as funding is received from the state of Tennessee and the student meets the requirements as stated above.

All courses must be approved by the student's academic advisor or graduate advisory committee.

Fellows may not deviate from approved program of study without consulting with the academic advisor/graduate advisory committee and Minority Fellowship Committee. The fellowship covers only IN-STATE tuition and fees. If the student receives a funded Graduate or Teaching Assistantship, they will be excluded from receiving the Minority Fellowships.

This award only applies towards one graduate degree only.



The University of Tennessee is under no obligation to continue the fellowship if the student transfers to another degree program or degree classification, or if funds are not available.

Preference will be given to residents of the State of Tennessee as this fellowship is funded by the state of Tennessee.

Questions? Contact admit@utsi.edu

(Deadline: No deadline but a limited number of fellowships are available.)