



OFFICE OF INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY

PRESIDENT'S GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (PGOP)

Auburn University seeks applicants to the President's Graduate Opportunities Program (PGOP) beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year. The major purpose of the Program is to recruit, retain, and support African-American students engaged in graduate studies leading to a doctoral degree from Auburn University. Successful applicants will receive a \$10,000 PGOP Fellowship per year that will be dispensed through Auburn University's Financial Aid Office monthly. Students must also have a graduate assistantship (GA), a graduate teaching assistantship (GTA), or a graduate research assistantship (GRA) that provides a tuition waiver to the student to qualify.

QUALIFICATIONS: In order to be considered for a PGOP fellowship, candidates must hold an earned degree from an accredited institution, meet admission standards of the Graduate School and the doctoral program in which they seek to enroll, be a U.S. Citizen, and be recommended for the PGOP award by that academic department or unit. Priority will be given to incoming PhD students.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Potential candidates for the PGOP should submit, at the address listed below, a completed PGOP application form, a résumé and a letter of interest which identifies the proposed area of doctoral study, two letters of reference, and a transcript.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: All applications must be postmarked by February 10, 2017. Applicants should be aware that it usually takes at least four weeks for completed applications to be reviewed by the Graduate School and academic department. Some departments have earlier deadlines.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS: PGOP awards will be announced in March 2017.

Inquiries and PGOP applications should be directed to:

Office of Inclusion and Diversity
RE: PGOP APPLICATION
108 M. White Smith Hall
381 Mell Street
Auburn University, AL 36849-5168
jvickers@auburn.edu

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**AUBURN UNIVERSITY
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Name:					
Current Address:					
City:		State:		ZIP:	
Permanent Address:					
City:		State:		ZIP:	
Email Address:					
Current Telephone Number:					
Permanent Telephone Number:					
Are you currently enrolled at Auburn University? If so, what is your classification?					
Do you currently have an assistantship? If so, with what department.					

Education:

Undergraduate:				
University	GPA	Degree Received	Date	Specialization
Graduate:				
University	GPA	Degree Received	Date	Specialization

Proposed field of doctoral study at Auburn University:	
Proposed date or date you began doctoral study:	

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please provide a statement of purpose in 200-250 words that explains your reason for pursuing a doctoral degree and your career aspirations after receiving the degree.

Return your application to: **Office of Inclusion and Diversity**
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Information needed for completing the file

- PGOP Application Form
- Résumé
- Official Transcripts
- Letter of Interest identifying the area of doctoral study
- A letter from a university department verifying willingness to provide an assistantship
- Two letters of recommendation that address your academic excellence and research potential. If you are already a student at Auburn, then at least one letter of recommendation must be from a faculty member at Auburn University.

Note: Fellowships are renewable up to 3 years.