

Guidelines and Eligibility for ICGC Graduate Fellowship Competition

Deadline: 4:00pm, Friday, February 5, 2024

- ▶ Each DGS may nominate up to four candidates for ICGC Scholar Fellowships.
- ▶ ICGC encourages departments to nominate a diverse range of students including students from the global south and groups underrepresented in graduate education.
- ▶ ICGC accepts fellowship nominations for admitted students entering doctoral programs in the Colleges of Biological Sciences; Education and Human Development; Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences; Liberal Arts; the School of Public Health; or the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.
- ▶ ICGC also accepts fellowship nominations for admitted students entering master's programs in the School of Public Health as well as from the intercollegiate Master of Development Practice and Master of Human Rights programs. The majority of funding supports doctoral students. Because we offer a small number of fellowships for master's students, we limit the total number of nominations for master's students to four per college with no more than four from a single degree program.
- ▶ ICGC will again offers two fellowship tracks. The first track offers a standard ICGC Fellowship package similar to previous years' awards. The second track offers a fellowship package with a reduced financial commitment. Details on fellowship terms are included within this DGS Information Packet.

Submission Process

Programs must submit nominations through the [Graduate School's online application system](#) no later than 4:00pm on Friday, February 5, 2024. Instructions to nominate follow below.



Note for SPH nominators: Because SPH does not use the Graduate School's online application system, we ask you to follow [this process](#).

ICGC Scholar Nomination Instructions via the Graduate School's Online Application System

Search for individual record by entering in the last name of student.

1. [Search for applicant's Slate record](#) and select name
2. Select the appropriate application tab (Program tab) and click on "ICGC Fellowship Nomination"

The screenshot shows a user interface for an applicant. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: Dashboard, Timeline, Application for ... Awaiting Submission, Public Policy M ... Awaiting Submission, **Philosophy Ph D ...** (highlighted with a red box), Stem Cell Biolog..., and Curriculum and ... The main content area displays details for 'Philosophy Ph D Summer 2023 : Decided'. It includes fields for 'Decided' (Submitted July 16, 2018; Last updated October 22, 2018), 'Current Bin: Decision Change', 'Queue: Teddy Lamden-Stout', 'Admit Reason: Credentials Pending', and 'Status: Released'. On the right, there is an 'Overview' section with links for Financial Aid, Workflows, Portfolio, Read Applica, Download PT, Impersonate, and Edit Applicat. On the left, there is a sidebar with links for Program/ Term Change Request and ICGC Fellowship Nomination (indicated by a red arrow).

Submission Process

3. Nominate student for ICGC Fellowship

Nomination Deadline: February 5, 2024 -- 4:00pm (CDT)

Visit the [ICGC website](#) for complete nomination instructions.

Indicate program nomination.*

- ICGC Scholar Standard ← A
- ICGC Scholar Alternative
- ICGC Scholar Masters

DGS Nomination Letter ← B

Upload the required DGS nomination letter explaining how the student's intellectual interests fit with the objectives of ICGC. The letter must indicate the fellowship funding track (standard ICGC award or alternate track).

DGS nomination letter
This widget will allow the upload of a PDF or Word document into a material on the person record.

Applicant's ICGC Personal Statement (optional) ← C

Upload an optional 2-3 page statement from the applicant concerning interest in issues central to the ICGC fellowship. Please note that the ICGC-specific personal statement is not required, but can provide additional helpful information to the selection committee.

This statement is distinct from the personal statement that the applicant provided as part of their application for admission.

ICGC personal statement
This widget will allow the upload of a PDF or Word document into a material on the person record.

Indicate the other fellowships for which this student is being nominated.

- DOVE Fellowship ← D
- Other Collegiate Fellowship

Indicate whether the student has received any of these fellowships.

- DOVE Fellowship
- Other Collegiate Fellowship

- A** Select the program you are nominating for (ICGC Scholar Standard, ICGC Scholar Alternative, or ICGC Scholar Masters).
- B** Upload the required DGS nomination letter explaining how the student's intellectual interests fit with the objectives and interests of ICGC. The letter must indicate the fellowship type (ICGC Scholar) as well as the fellowship funding track (standard ICGC award or alternate track).
- C** Upload an optional 2-3 page personal statement from the applicant concerning interest in issues central to the ICGC fellowship program. Please note that the ICGC-specific personal statement is not required, but can provide additional helpful information to the selection committee.
- D** Indicate whether the student is being nominated for or received an offer for a CLA-GF, Dove or other Graduate Fellowship Award.

! **Note:** you must click SUBMIT after you have completed this box.

4. Upon submission, you will return to the application tab. A confirmation email will be sent to your UMN email address.

NOTIFICATION PROCESS

ICGC will begin to notify departments of awards in early March. Please be aware that our fellowship awards process continues on a rolling basis if fellowships are declined in the initial round. The notification timeline for alternates can and typically does take place over several weeks, sometimes as late as April. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact ICGC at icgc@umn.edu.

The Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change is a University of Minnesota campus-wide center that seeks to foster an interdisciplinary and cross-cultural community of faculty and students committed to supporting and advancing research, education and collaborative initiatives related to global change, with a focus on the global south.

We provide intellectual and financial support to graduate students through the following fellowship programs.

ICGC Fellowships

Our core fellowship program has supported annual cohorts of graduate students since 1989

Eligibility:

To be considered for an ICGC Scholar, applicants must:

- ▶ Hold at least a Bachelor's degree
- ▶ Have applied and been admitted to a graduate or professional degree program at the Twin Cities campus of the University of Minnesota in the following categories:
 - Doctoral programs in the Colleges of Biological Sciences; Education and Human Development; Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Sciences; Liberal Arts; the School of Public Health or the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.
 - Master's programs in the School of Public Health as well as from the intercollegiate Master of Development Practice and Master of Human Rights programs.
- ▶ Receive a nomination for these fellowships by the program, department or college in which they will be enrolled

In reviewing nominees ICGC gives priority to students with academic interests related to global change, with a focus on the global south; potential for scholarly excellence; and a commitment to interdisciplinary work.

ICGC Graduate Fellowship Competition Funding Packages

- ▶ ICGC Fellowships are supported jointly by ICGC and the student's home department. Fellowship award terms vary depending upon the program/department, category of fellowship and whether students have other funding. ICGC's support is in the form of fellowship stipends with an expectation that the student's home department provides support in the form of tuition and health insurance during fellowship years and graduate assistantships or other forms of support during subsequent years.
- ▶ We are pleased to note that the Provost has again provided support to partially offset departmental costs (tuition, health insurance) of supporting ICGC Scholar awards for doctoral students. Depending upon the terms for the individual student, ICGC will use this funding to provide partial matching support to the home department of students receiving and accepting ICGC fellowships. Please consult with ICGC Director if you have questions concerning funding package details or how an ICGC award might be coordinated with other sources of funding for students.

A standard ICGC Scholar doctoral funding package follows:

For students enrolling in doctoral programs, the academic department of the award winner is expected to guarantee support in the form of 50% teaching or research assistantships in the second and third year of study, and tuition and health insurance benefits for four years. If your unit is unable to commit this level of student support, see ICGC Scholar Alternative Track.

For fellowship nominees who receive an alternate graduate fellowship in their first academic year, the alternate fellowship will replace the ICGC stipend for that year.

First Academic Year

ICGC provides a \$24,000 academic-year fellowship, **OR** Alternate Fellowship Terms apply (e.g. DOVE, CLA-GF or other graduate fellowship).

Summer (awarded in spring)

ICGC provides a \$4,000 pre-dissertation grant for exploratory fieldwork on student's dissertation project that will be granted upon approval of the student's advisor and receipt of a proposal acceptable to the ICGC faculty committee.

Research Year

ICGC provides dissertation research funding for a single semester (\$12,000) matched by a second semester of support from the student's home department.

ICGC Scholar Alternative Funding Track for doctoral students (reduced departmental financial commitment) funding package follows:

This alternative fellowship track reduces the departmental financial commitment while enabling recipients to participate fully as ICGC Scholars. The terms below outline alternative track minimum funding requirements. While this track does not require departments to provide support in years 2 and 3, we strongly recommend it.

First Academic Year

ICGC provides a single semester fellowship of \$12,000 for fall, department provides tuition and health insurance.

Department provides 50% Assistantship (RA or TA) for spring semester including tuition coverage up to 14 credits and health insurance benefits.

Summer (awarded in spring)

ICGC provides a \$4,000 pre-dissertation grant for exploratory fieldwork on student's dissertation project that will be granted upon approval of the student's advisor and receipt of a proposal acceptable to the ICGC faculty committee.

Research Year

ICGC provides dissertation research funding for a single semester (\$12,000) matched by a second semester of support from the student's home department. If possible, the department will provide tuition coverage up to the required 1 credit FTE registration each semester of the research year and subsidized health insurance for the academic year.

A standard master's funding package follows:

For students enrolling in eligible master's programs, the academic department or program of the award winner is expected to guarantee support in the form of a minimum 25% teaching or research assistantship in the second year of study and tuition and health insurance benefits for two years.

Academic Year One

ICGC provides a \$16,000 academic-year fellowship.

The department provides tuition coverage up to 16 credits each semester.

Summer

ICGC provides a \$4,000 ICGC grant to support the costs of the required field experience, to be granted upon approval of the advisor and receipt of a proposal acceptable to the ICGC faculty committee.

Academic Year Two

The department will provide a 25% time assistantship along with tuition coverage up to 16 credits each semester, and 95% of health insurance coverage for the academic year.

Note on other ICGC Fellowship programs:

The Joseph E. Schwartzberg Workable World Trust Fellowships support CLA admitted doctoral students conducting research related to global governance. As CLA departments nominate incoming students for ICGC Scholar fellowships, please note that we may offer students the Schwartzberg summer fellowship as part of their ICGC Scholar award package if their research interests relate to global governance. **DGS' do not need to nominate incoming students separately for these awards.**

ICGC periodically invites applications for both the DSSC and MDP Minor programs from students who are not ICGC Scholars. If our program size allows for additional minor program students in the coming year, we will contact Directors of Graduate Studies about this possibility.

Guidelines for fellowships are available on our website: www.icgc.umn.edu. Any requests for alternative formats can be made to icgc@umn.edu.