Advancing success for underrepresented students in doctoral programs through recruitment, retention, and enrichment.

About Temple University

Often called “Diversity University,” Temple has a total student population of more than 38,000, including more than 5,000 graduate students. At Temple University, the total student body is 12.4% African American, 9.7% Asian American, 4.3% Hispanic, 0.4% Native American, 4.2% international students, 57.6% White, and 11.4% mixed race and other.

As a comprehensive public research university, Temple is the 26th largest university in the country. Founded in 1884 by Dr. Russell H. Conwell, Temple became a state-related institution in Pennsylvania’s Commonwealth System of Higher Education in 1965. Today, the University offers some 200 master’s and doctoral degree programs.

The AGEP Advantage in SBES at Temple

Seven departments within the College of Liberal Arts are the focus of Temple’s AGEP-SBES efforts:

- Anthropology
- Political Science
- Criminal Justice
- Psychology
- Economics
- Sociology
- Geography and Urban Studies

To reduce the sizable gap between the number of underrepresented minority (URM) students who earn an undergraduate degree and the number of URM students who continue their education at the graduate level, Temple has pledged to:

- Increase the number of summer research opportunities (SROP) available to promising URM students in their junior year.
- Foster continued cooperation among individual departments to avoid “lone scholar” syndrome.
- Introduce all URM students to the established and effective Future Faculty Fellows support network.
- Continue fostering diversity across the university.

Temple University is committed to promoting the diversity of its student and faculty populations to ensure a stimulating academic environment for all.
What is the AGEP Advantage?

The AGEP Advantage means underrepresented minority students get the resources needed to successfully develop academically, professionally, and personally throughout the graduate education experience. The AGEP Advantage offers enriching bridge programs that facilitate an easier transition into the world of graduate education. AGEP Advantage programs provide peer and faculty mentoring, academic and social support, and opportunities to present and discuss students’ own work in a safe and constructive environment. The AGEP Advantage also opens doors to teaching opportunities, partnerships, internships, and professional development workshops that assist graduates in securing a place in the job market. All elements of the AGEP Advantage are designed to help underrepresented students get the most out of graduate education.

The AGEP Advantage — Offering that extra edge to help you along in your career

Workshops
- Writing (professional and grant)
- Time management
- Teaching and presentation techniques
- Career tips and success

Networks
- Peer networks
- Faculty networks
- Scholars from your field outside of your university

Opportunities
- Conferences
- Presentations
- Teaching

Career Building
- Partnerships and internships
- Enrichment and placement
- Academic ethics

Beyond the Classroom
- Social outlets
- Book clubs
- Student involvement in recruiting

Bridge Program
- Summer programs to build and refine skills as well as ease the transition into graduate work

The Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) — Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBES) program is a National Science Foundation initiative designed to significantly increase the number of students receiving doctoral degrees in the social sciences, behavioral sciences, and economics, with special emphasis on the population groups underrepresented in those fields (i.e., African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders). Become a part of AGEP–SBES and start using the AGEP Advantage.

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