

# First Summers Research Initiative

An Extension of the Future Faculty Fellows Program

The Temple University Graduate School is pleased to announce a competition for summer research awards for domestic doctoral students who are traditionally underrepresented in their field of study at Temple University. The purpose of these awards is to provide eligible students with funding to encourage their pursuit of research activity in the first, second, and/or third summers of their graduate studies.

The First Summers Research Initiative (FSRI) Award is valued at \$6,000. Applicants can apply each summer until they achieve candidacy. Preference is given, however, to first-time applicants.

### **What criteria must be met when applying for the FSRI Award?**

- Enrollment in a Ph.D. program at Temple University in which the student is considered underrepresented (i.e., as an ethnic minority or woman) in her/his field of study, as determined by both National Science Foundation data and Temple demographics
- U.S. citizenship
- A minimum GPA of 3.5 at the time of the award
- A formalized mentorship for the summer research experience with a faculty member at Temple University
- Submission of a detailed plan for the mentored summer research experience prepared by the applicant and her/his faculty mentor, along with a cover letter from the mentor

### **What criteria disqualify an applicant?**

- Receipt of financial aid from Temple University in the form of fellowship, assistantship, internship, or externship or employment as a student worker during the summer award period
- Enrollment in coursework other than directed or independent research/study during the summer award period

### **What outcomes can awardees expect?**

- Development of research techniques/methodologies for use in dissertation research
- Preparation and defense of the dissertation prospectus
- Analysis and organization of data/information collected during the summer research experience for:
  - Presentation at a discipline-specific national meeting
  - Publication in a journal

### **How do I apply for the FSRI Award?**

- Visit [www.temple.edu/grad/research](http://www.temple.edu/grad/research).

### **What is the deadline for submission of my application for the FSRI Award?**

- Monday, March 26, 2012

### **Who can answer my questions?**

- Contact Dr. Zebulon Kendrick, Vice Provost, at [zkend@temple.edu](mailto:zkend@temple.edu) or 215-204-8526.