

DARE DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education has announced the names of the inaugural cohort of the DARE (Diversifying Academia, Recruiting Excellence) Doctoral Fellowship Program. In addition, twelve Alternates were named.

The DARE Fellowship is a two-year award to advanced doctoral students who want to prepare for academic careers and whose presence will help diversify the professoriate. Stanford's commitment to diversity is broadly conceived to include (but is not limited to): underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities; first-generation college students; women in natural science and engineering fields; gay, lesbian and transgendered students; disabled students; as well as others whose backgrounds and experiences would diversify the professoriate in their academic fields. DARE Fellows will be offered additional mentoring and an integrated set of workshops and seminars designed to help them launch successful academic careers. Each fellow will also develop a small project and conduct a recruiting trip to enhance the diversity of Stanford's graduate student population and to enrich the educational environment at the University.

In selecting the DARE Fellows and Alternates, Vice Provost Patricia Gumport underscored the exceptional talent and diversity in the applicant pool. "Over 100 very impressive applications were submitted by doctoral students from 37 departments. The eight-member university-wide review committee faced a tremendously challenging task in assessing the applicants' relative strengths. Many of them had excellent academic records, very enthusiastic letters of support from their primary advisors, strong evidence of academic leadership, and demonstrated commitments to using diversity of life experience to enhance the education of others." She added, "As a group, this inaugural cohort is diverse on a wide range of dimensions that we value in the university and in the academic profession."

The Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education offers additional educational programs to doctoral students who want to investigate and prepare for academic careers. In the next academic year, the VPGE will expand leadership training and professional development opportunities for doctoral students across the university.

Fellows	Alternates
Deji Akinwande	Aisha Beliso-De Jesus
Jessica Allen	Noe Esparza
Matthew Anderson	Sarah Giddings
Courtney Bonam	Elizabeth Hager-Bernard
Nate Cardin	Jacqueline Jenkins
Kenneth Gibbs, Jr.	Paul Hoover
Jennifer Harford Vargas	Babajide Kolade
Laura Lopez-Sanders	Manuel Lopez
Shantal Marshall	Adrienne Orr
Marcela Muniz	Pierre Ponce
Ron Painter	Corrie Potter
Daniel Soto	Katherine Tsai