



TAYLOR DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE DECEMBER 31 ANNUALLY

Questions or inquiries regarding this NOO can be directed to: TGI@slu.edu

BACKGROUND

The Taylor Geospatial Institute (TGI), the nation's leading academic center for geospatial science, is committed to making St Louis a global center of excellence in geospatial science research, education, and innovation. The St. Louis region is well-positioned to become the nation's geospatial 'Silicon Valley' as laid out in the June 2020 "GeoFutures Strategic Roadmap," a plan for strengthening St. Louis's competitive advantage in geospatial research and technology. For more information on the Institute please visit www.taylorgeospatial.org.

The Taylor Geospatial Institute envisions building a world-class, interdisciplinary geospatial science research collaborative to address scientific and societal grand challenges (e.g. food security, supply chain resilience, health equity, and national security). To achieve this goal, the Taylor Geospatial Institute is announcing the Taylor Diversity Fellowship program, which is designed to increase the number of geospatial professionals from underrepresented groups and advance diversity.

DETAILS OF THE DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

The Taylor Diversity Fellowship program welcomes nominees who will advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in the geospatial sciences. The fellowship will support undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a degree in geospatial sciences or closely related fields at any of the eight TGI institutions. For graduate students, the fellowship will provide up to \$35,000 in stipend and healthcare per year (maximum of 2 years for Master degree students and 4 years for Ph.D students). For undergraduate students, the fellowship will provide a \$15,000 stipend and healthcare per year (maximum 4 years). Recipients of the fellowship will also receive a full tuition scholarship provided by their respective institutions.

The tuition cost should be covered by the nominating institutions.

The Taylor Geospatial Institute recognizes that women, persons with disabilities, and racial and ethnic minorities are underrepresented in geospatial science. Members of these underrepresented groups pursuing degrees in geospatial science, as well as applicants whose personal, educational, and/or professional experiences show a commitment to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion, are highly encouraged to apply. Successful applicants will have a demonstrated commitment to geospatial science and a desire to pursue a career or advanced degrees in the geospatial field. Applicants must submit their Taylor Diversity Fellowship application to the institution in which they are enrolled as a student and/or are to be newly accepted to an eligible graduate program.

To be eligible for this award, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, or DACA recipient.
- Be accepted as a classified (degree-seeking) student at one of the [TGI partner institutions](#) when the nomination for the fellowship is submitted to TGI.

- Be a new undergraduate, master's, or doctoral student (a fellowship applicant may have been enrolled for no more than one semester previously in the degree program).

Evaluation criteria:

- Demonstrated scholastic achievement in previous degrees and current programs
- One or both of the following
 - Personal, educational, and/or professional experiences that contribute to diversity, equity and inclusion in geospatial science
 - Demonstrated commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in geospatial science
- Promise of future scholarly impact on the geospatial science field

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Applicants should submit the following application documents to the Research Council member of the TGI partner Institution:

- Cover letter describing your interest in the Taylor Diversity Fellowship and your future goals. Your cover letter should also indicate the degree program you are currently admitted to or applying to and for which you are seeking TGI funding.
- CV or Resume
- An essay of no more than 1000 words addressing the following two questions:
 - a. Tell us about your personal, academic, and/or professional experiences that make you a good candidate for the Taylor Diversity Fellowship.
 - b. How will these personal, academic, and/or professional experiences help you to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in geospatial science?
- Letter of recommendation

HOW TO APPLY?

- Application materials should be submitted by email to TGI Research Council members from the respective institutions. The list of the Research Council members can be found here <https://taylorgeospatial.org/about>.
- Applicants are nominated by the member institutes to the TGI for final award after review by the Research Council representatives. Each institute can only nominate up to two students in a given year.

The application deadline is December 31 annually. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Please contact TGI@slu.edu for questions.

ABOUT THE TAYLOR GEOSPATIAL INSTITUTE

The Taylor Geospatial Institute is a consortium of eight research institutions centered in St. Louis and the Midwest region, whose vision is to be the nation's leader in geospatial science research and accelerate the St. Louis region's development as a global geospatial center of excellence. The TGI is led by Saint Louis University and includes the Danforth Plant Science Center, Harris-Stowe State University, Missouri University of Science and Technology, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Missouri–Columbia, University of Missouri–St. Louis, and Washington University in St. Louis. The TGI is committed to making the St. Louis region a global center of excellence in geospatial science research, education, and innovation. Our people, from students to the most distinguished researchers, are critical ingredients to the success of this research consortium. For more information on the TGI please visit taylorgeospatial.org.