School for Graduate Studies  
SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program

The State University of New York sponsors the Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program (GDFP) at Empire State College. This program will assist the college in the recruitment, enrollment and retention of students in master’s programs who can demonstrate that they will contribute to the diversity of the student body in their program, especially those who can demonstrate that they have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education. Preference is given to applicants who have not yet enrolled as a matriculated graduate student at Empire State College. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- be admitted to a master’s program at the college,
- be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident status; and
- provide a written statement that demonstrates how the applicant will contribute to the diversity of the student body in their program and that the applicant has overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education.

If selected for this fellowship, students must enroll full time (minimum of 9 credits). The fellowship provides tuition and fees plus a small stipend for the fall and spring terms only. (Master of Arts in Teaching students are exempt from these requirements due to the structure of their programs.)

Application deadline: July 1
Application steps: 1. Complete this application, 2. attach your statement.

Name ____________________________________________________________
Student ID # _______________________________________________________
Mailing address _____________________________________________________
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Email address _______________________________________________________
Preferred phone # _________________________________________________
Gender _____________________________________________________________

Prior to the completion of this application, have you enrolled as a matriculated student? □ Yes □ No

Are you a U.S. citizen? □ Yes □ No
If no, are you a permanent resident? □ Yes □ No

What degree are you seeking? □ M.A. □ M.A.T. □ MBA

Submit the completed application and personal statement by July 1 to:

SUNY Empire State College
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Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-6069
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If you have questions, please contact the assistant director for student services in the School for Graduate Studies at Pat.Ryan@esc.edu or 518-587-2100, ext. 2267.