

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**GRADUATE INCENTIVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (CHE ACCESS & EQUITY)**  
**GUIDELINES (FY 2007-2008)**

This program is contingent on the fiscal year allocation and disbursement of funds to the University from CHE. The Fellowship Committee of the Graduate Council reviews, evaluates, and recommends to the Dean of the Graduate School to award the fellowship. The final decision rests with the Dean of the Graduate School.

This fellowship is to aid in the financial need of African-American graduate students to attend the University of South Carolina. The primary function of this fellowship is to recruit new African-American graduate students to the University of South Carolina. Priority is given to African-American graduate students seeking degrees in academic majors with low representation. Retention of previous fellows is the secondary aspect of this award. [Application to this program does not guarantee an award.](#)

1. Complete application packets are accepted up to March 15<sup>th</sup> for the following academic year. **(FY 2007-2008 deadline is March 15, 2007)**
2. A complete application packet contains: a) Graduate Incentive Scholarship form (from CHE website: <http://www.che400.state.sc.us>); b) a letter of nomination from the Graduate Director of student's academic program outlining the level of funding requested (\$10,000 maximum for doctoral students; \$5,000 maximum for master's students); c) a letter from the applicant accepting the nomination along with a brief statement of professional goals (250 words maximum) and financial need; d) two letters of academic recommendations from professors; and e) applicant's current resume.

**NOTE:** Departments may nominate **two** students for this award and should rank nominees before submitting to the Graduate School.

3. Applicants are expected to have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale; or a graduate GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.00 scale.
4. Students pursuing master's degrees must be South Carolina residents.
5. For doctoral students – priority is given to South Carolina residents.
6. Applicants are expected to enroll as full-time students.
7. Maximum awards: \$5,000 for Master's; \$10,000 for Doctoral. Graduate Students receiving this award along with Title IV financial aid will be contacted by the Financial Aid Office if there is an over awarding of scholarship money beyond financial need. If so, the Graduate Incentive Fellowship award amount will be adjusted accordingly.

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