## 2019 IBM PhD Fellowship Program

Dear Faculty Colleague:

IBM is pleased to announce the 2019 two-year worldwide IBM PhD Fellowship Program for the academic years of 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. We have received many outstanding and exceptional candidates from universities all over the world in the past and encourage your participation. IBM PhD Fellowship nominations may be made <u>by doctoral faculty members</u> from September 20 through October 25, 2018. Please note there are changes to the program scope, for details go to <a href="https://www.ibm.com/university/phdfellowship">www.ibm.com/university/phdfellowship</a>.

Strong collaboration with faculty, students and universities is vital to IBM. The IBM PhD Fellowship Program advances this collaboration by recognizing and supporting exceptional PhD students who want to make their mark in promising and disruptive technologies. IBM is well positioned to advance these technologies and exploit their ability to transform industries and societies.

Over the past 10 years, IBM has supported more than 700 IBM PhD Fellowship students.

The IBM PhD Fellowship Program also supports our long-standing commitment to workforce diversity in the workplace and encourages nominations of women, minorities and all who contribute to that diversity.

Awardees will be recognized on IBM web sites and communications.

Please feel free to display the attached program announcement poster in your department office(s). The program details are available at <a href="www.ibm.com/university/phdfellowship">www.ibm.com/university/phdfellowship</a> on September 20, 2018 and there will be a link to the Internet nomination form. Award recipients will be finalized in March, 2019 followed by emails to all participants. All supporting documents for the fellowship, such as student's resume, and endorsement by the department head as well as the nominator's recommendation must be included in the nomination form. We ask that each department submit no more than three nominations. In cases of more than one nomination for a fellowship in a department, the department head's endorsement must include the department's prioritization of these candidates. Students should have three years remaining in their graduate program at the time of nomination. For example, nominees that are enrolled in a four year graduate program should have completed two years of their graduate program as of summer 2019 in order to benefit the most. Students from US embargoed countries are not eligible for the program.

IBM PhD Fellowships are awarded worldwide. IBM PhD Fellowship awardees are awarded a stipend for two academic years. Fellowships vary by country/geographic area and the student will be informed at the time of the award what the value is for their country/geographic area. All IBM PhD Fellowship awardees are matched with an IBM Mentor according to their technical interests, and they are strongly encouraged to participate in an internship at least once while completing their studies. Students receiving a comparable fellowship from another company or institution during the same academic period may not be eligible for an IBM PhD Fellowship Award.

We look forward to receiving your department's nominations.

For further information, visit the website above or contact phdfellow@us.ibm.com

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