Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP)  
Fellowship Application 2020-2021

A. Purpose
To enable a greater number of minority/disadvantaged (M/D) students to enter and complete graduate programs on a full or part-time basis, thereby increasing M/D representation in UW graduate education and subsequently in professional and academic careers in Wisconsin. Both Wisconsin residents and non-resident students are eligible, although preference is given to Wisconsin residents. Full-time and part-time graduates are eligible.

B. Eligibility / Applicants must be:

1. Citizens or permanent residents at the time of the application

2. Members of traditionally under-represented minority groups (African-American, Hispanic, American Indian, Alaskan Native, or statutorily designated Southeast Asian) or a non-minority/disadvantaged student.

Students are considered disadvantaged if they meet any of the criteria including, but not limited to one or more of the following:

a) have a financial need;
b) come from a family that received any type of assistance, including eligibility for school lunch program;
c) are first generation college students
d) have participated in special services for disadvantaged students including TRIO programs such as Upward Bound, McNair, Talent Search, etc.; and/or have not had the expectation and encouragement to pursue post graduate education as a viable option.
e) other extenuating circumstances such as a disability which affects academic functioning.

3. Admitted to a graduate degree program at UW-Stevens Point

C. Procedures for Applying / To apply for an award applicants must:

1. Submit one letter of reference from a professor or individual knowledgeable about your academic potential.
2. Request and return a completed AOP Application to the Diversity and College Access Office (SSC 220).
3. Please submit an essay describing why you are interested in Graduate School. Please limit your essay to no more than 1500 words in length.

D. Application Deadline:
Applicants are expected to submit a new application each academic year. Funding is based on the cohort applicant pool for each academic year. Decisions towards summer funding will begin as completed applications are received.

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<td>June 19, 2020</td>
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Please note that Fall and Spring deadlines are contingent on extra funds remaining available. It is possible (not guaranteed) that awards can be increased throughout the academic year due to funding availability.
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I. Personal Data (To be completed by the applicant)

Name (Last, First, M.I.): ________________________________________________________________

UWSP ID number: _____________________________________________________________________

Current Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Telephone Number (Day) ____________________   (Evening)______________________

Permanent Address: ____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Does UWSP consider you to be a:   Wisconsin Resident___________________
                                   Non-Resident _______________________

Ethnicity (Please select all that apply):
• African American (specify) __________
• Southeast Asian (specify) __________
• American Indian /Alaskan Native(specify) __________
• Hispanic/Latina/Latino/Latinx (specify) __________
• Other___________________________________

Have you previously received and AOP award from any University of Wisconsin Campus? If so, please specify which campus and the amount including UWSP: ________________________________

Do you have a graduate assistantship? If yes, please specify: ________________________________________________
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Other financial resources? If yes, please specify: ________________________________________________
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Student Signature and Date: _______________________________________________________________
II. Academic Information:

Award Period(s) Requested:
   _____ Summer 2020
   _____ Fall 2020
   _____ Spring 2021

Graduate Degree Sought as of Summer 2020: _________________________________________

Number of UWSP Graduate Credits Completed: _________  Current GPA __________

Previous Education. List all institutions you have attended:

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III. Miscellaneous Information:

Work Experience:

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Extra-Curricular Participation in College: ____________________________

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Awards, Honors, Publications (during college career): __________________

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Required Personal Statement:

Please include a statement of your past educational achievements and future career goals.

Completed applications should be submitted to:
Dr. Sam Dinga
Director, Diversity and College Access (DCA)
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Student Services Center, SSC Room 220
1108 Fremont Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481
sdinga@uwsp.edu