

POTUS Fellowship

Preparing Our Tomorrow Uniquely in STEM (POTUS) is a grant funded program through the United States Department of Education. The POTUS Fellowship program emphasizes preparation, matriculation, and the successful completion of doctoral students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) disciplines at TSU.

Through POTUS, the university addresses the global need to increase African American representation in STEM disciplines at the doctoral level. The Fellowship is available to students majoring in the following multi-disciplinary disciplines:

- Biological Sciences
- Engineering
- Physical Therapy



Title III Organization

Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is a federally funded program designed to support Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).

Through Title III funds, Tennessee State University supports more than 35 graduate assistantships annually, including POTUS Fellows, either through monthly stipends and/or free tuition.



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About TSU.....

Tennessee State University (TSU) is committed to excellence and has been consistently listed in the U.S. News & World Report's "Guide to America's Best Colleges" for more than a decade. Founded in 1912, TSU is a comprehensive, urban, co-educational, land-grant institution in Nashville, Tennessee.

As a leading institution of higher learning, TSU provides students with the opportunity to experience academic and personal growth. The university offers multiple bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, and doctorate degrees. Students receive instruction from top-notch faculty and are immersed in research, service learning, and student life activities, including internships, cultural and study abroad opportunities.



Fellowship Eligibility

POTUS Fellowships are for students seeking their doctoral degree at Tennessee State University in STEM disciplines.

Fellowships are offered in Biological Sciences, Physical Therapy, and Engineering.

Program requirements include:

- Unconditional admission to a STEM doctoral program
- African American
- United States citizen
- Fulltime enrollment
- Maintain a 3.0 grade point average (GPA)
- Attend academic enrichment and professional development seminars
- Work 20 hours per week as a Teaching and/or Research Assistant

Additionally, Fellows are paired with a faculty member in their discipline to conduct research as a research assistant and/or work as a teaching assistant.

Fellows are required to fulfill additional scholarly works that ultimately serve to enhance students' futures.

The Fellowship benefits include:

- Full tuition (Fall, Spring, Summer)*
- A monthly stipend (\$3,000.00/month)*
- Travel to professional conferences *
- Increased academic enrichment
- Faculty and peer engagement
- Professional development
- Research supplies*
- Faculty mentoring

*Total estimated value is \$50,000.00/year

Monthly stipends are paid directly to POTUS Fellows, however all other funds are applied to their university accounts.

POTUS Fellows are held to a high level of expectation. Fellows are expected to perform beyond the minimum to ensure their place among the leaders of tomorrow.

