



**INDIANA UNIVERSITY**  
THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

**John H. Edwards Fellowship**

**Purpose:** The John H. Edwards Trust Fund will provide income for 3 fellowships of approximately \$20,000 each for graduate students at Indiana University in academic year 2014-2015. The John H. Edwards Fellowship is one of the University's most prestigious academic awards. A university-wide committee selects the fellows from nominations made by the deans of all departments and professional schools within the University that award terminal graduate degrees.

In accordance with the bequest, the John H. Edwards Fellowship will be awarded on the following basis:

Good citizenship, character, especially attitude toward public service and the likelihood of future usefulness to society, scholastic ability, intellectual capacity, and upon such other bases and qualifications, and in such manner, as the Trustees of Indiana University in their discretion and judgment may determine from time to time, but always without regard to consideration of religion, creed, race, national origin, color, sex, or political affiliation.

The Edwards Trust Fund Committee interprets the above paragraph as an instruction to nominate a candidate with an extraordinary record of voluntary public service, exemplary character, superior scholastic ability, and intellectual capacity that promises dividends for society. Consistent with University policy, nominations for this award should be made without regard to sexual orientation or disability.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Nominees should have completed at least 24 credit hours of graduate study at Indiana University by February 2013, be enrolled as a full-time student for AY 2013-2014, and be working satisfactorily toward completion of a terminal graduate degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., M.D., J.D., M.F.A., M.A.T., etc.); nominees should have a clear record of voluntary public service; special consideration will be given to nominees who can demonstrate financial need in order to complete their studies (see Nominee Financial Statement Form). Initiating service projects is an especially strong credential for earning this award.

**Nomination Process:** A complete nomination must consist of the following, in the order listed below:

- A completed nomination form (see below);
- Two concise letters of recommendation by faculty knowledgeable about the nominee that describe his or her academic record and progress, commitment to public service, and promise as a leader in his or her field;
- A supporting letter from a public service agency or organization where the nominee has volunteered that states the agency's mission, how the nominee contributed to that mission, the duration and commitment of time volunteered, and the impact of the nominee's efforts;
- A resume from the nominee including public service activities and volunteerism;
- A personal statement (maximum 2 pages single spaced) by the nominee addressing his or her academic goals and the relationship of public service and volunteerism to these goals;
- A statement of financial need from the nominee (see Nominee Financial Statement Form);
- Transcripts of undergraduate and graduate work, including those from Indiana University and other institutions. Photocopies are acceptable.

**Award Value:** This is a single-year award valued at \$20,000. The fellowship is a stipend only. The nominating school **must** agree to provide a tuition remission.

**Note:** Successful nominees who are awarded an Edwards Fellowship during AY 2014-2015 may not accept financial assistance from another source for that academic year.

**Deadline:**

All student application material must be submitted to their departments for review. Each nomination must have the written endorsement of the dean or director of the relevant graduate department/school.

*College Departments must submit their nominations to the College Graduate Office in Owen 301 by Friday, February 7, 2014. Only pdf nominations will be accepted (1 pdf per student nomination).*

**School Deadline:** All nominations need to be submitted through SharePoint (1 pdf per student nomination) by **Friday, February 14, 2014.**

**\*Schools/Departments are responsible for contacting the candidates that have applied, but were not chosen for nomination.**



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**John H. Edwards Fellowship Nomination Form  
2014-2015**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ IU ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Department/School \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Yr of Completion \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Academic History (scores on national admissions tests GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MSAT, etc.; graduate schools attended including IU; completed hours of graduate work at IU and elsewhere)

Nominating Statement (by dean of school/department or appropriate administrative officer such as department chair). In your evaluation of the nominee, please address each of the following areas:

Scholastic ability and intellectual capacity:

Academic progress toward degree:

Good citizenship and character:

Record of voluntary public service:

Checklist of attachments:

- Nominees resume
- Nominees personal statement (maximum 2 pages single spaced)
- Nominees statement of financial support and continuing need
- Two faculty letters of reference
- Letter of support from public service organization
- Transcripts (undergraduate and graduate; IU and other institutions)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Title of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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**Nominees Statement of Financial Need**

Name (Ms./Mr.) \_\_\_\_\_ IU ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Department/School \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Yr of Completion \_\_\_\_\_

Past and Current Department/University/Other Awards Received and Type (AI/GA/RA/Other):  
 Yes  No

Year/Semester of Award \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Semester of Award \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Semester of Award \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Semester of Award \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying for or will you have any department/university support for AY 2012-2013?  
 Yes  No

If yes, specify type and stipend amount, if know\* \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply to this award:

- Fee Remission  Fee Reduction  Eligible for G901  No Fee Support

Please write a brief statement of your need for continued financial support in order to complete your degree.

\*NOTE: If you are awarded an Edwards Fellowship, you may not accept financial assistance from another source for the same award period.