

**AUBURN UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENT'S GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM**

Auburn University seeks applicants to the President's Graduate Opportunities Program (PGOP) beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year. The major purpose of the Program is to recruit, retain, and support African-American students engaged in graduate study leading to a doctoral degree from Auburn University. Successful applicants will receive a \$10,000 PGOP Fellowship in addition to a stipend of the minimum amount set by the Provost's Office for 25% FTE each year. This additional stipend is provided by the department, school, or college in which recipients are enrolled. Both the fellowship and the departmental stipend are renewable for up to four years of doctoral study.

QUALIFICATIONS: In order to be considered for a PGOP fellowship, candidates must hold an earned degree from an accredited institution, meet admission standards of the Graduate School and the doctoral program in which they seek to enroll, and be recommended for the PGOP award by that academic department or unit.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Potential candidates for the PGOP should submit, at the address listed below, a completed PGOP application form, a résumé and a letter of interest which identifies the proposed area of doctoral study.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: On or around April 1, 2008, the PGOP Selection Committee will begin to review candidates who have met all qualifications for the Program. Review of qualified candidates will continue until all fellowships have been offered and accepted. However, those interested in being considered for the Program are strongly advised to have completed all application steps before March 1, 2008. Applicants should be aware that it usually takes at least four weeks for completed applications to be reviewed by the Graduate School and academic department. Some departments have earlier deadlines.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS: PGOP awards will usually be announced in late May.

Inquiries and PGOP applications should be directed to:

**Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs
RE: PGOP APPLICATION
103 M. W. Smith Hall
381 Mell Street
Auburn University, AL 36849-5168
diversity@auburn.edu**

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Name: _____

SSN#: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Current Telephone Number: _____

Permanent Telephone Number: _____

Education:

Undergraduate:				
University	GPA	Degree Received	Date	Specialization
Graduate:				
University	GPA	Degree Received	Date	Specialization

Proposed field of doctoral study at Auburn University: _____

Name of faculty at Auburn University familiar with your work: _____

Proposed date to begin doctoral study: _____

Please provide a statement of purpose in 200-250 words that explains your reason for pursuing a doctoral degree and your career aspirations after receiving the degree.

Please ask three faculty members who taught you prior to Auburn University to send letters of recommendation on your behalf.

Return your application to: **Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs**
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Information needed for completing the file

- PGOP Application Form
- Résumé
- Letter of Interest identifying the area of doctoral study
- 3 Letters of Reference
- GPA Scores
- GRE Scores
- Letter of Support (should include financial support) from department head or advisor

Note: Fellowships are renewable up to 3 years.