



Michigan State University

AGEP Scholar Award



Program Background

The Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) at Michigan State University (MSU) was started with funds from the National Science Foundation program that supports the recruitment, retention, and graduation of U.S. students in doctoral programs. The focus of AGEP places special emphasis on fully inclusive recruitment and development of students from U.S. population groups historically underrepresented in fields of the sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), and the social, behavioral, and economic (SBE) sciences.

A goal of AGEP at MSU is to foster the emergence and development of a racially and culturally inclusive community of scholars among graduate students in STEM and SBE disciplines. While the program has historically focused on underrepresented students, it is open to all interested students. A feature of the MSU AGEP Learning Community is once monthly meetings to develop dialog across disciplines and to promote fellowship among peers in addition to sharing information that is key to success in graduate training and beyond.

The Graduate School at MSU announces the availability of the AGEP Scholar Award of \$2000. Award recipients in good standing will be eligible to apply each year.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Eligibility begins in year two (2) of the Master's or Doctoral Program
- A full-time graduate student in good standing in a STEM or SBE graduate program at MSU
- Demonstrated commitment to AGEP goals, and participation in the MSU AGEP Learning Community and Community activities for at **least one (1) year before applying, including attendance of at least 3 Learning Community meetings within the current or previous academic year**
- Has submitted a brief for the AGEP Graduate School Survival guide: <https://grad.msu.edu/agep/guide>
- Be enrolled in at least one (1) graduate credit in the semester of the award.
- Have not received an AGEP scholar award previously in the current academic or calendar year.
- Note: each scholar is limited to a maximum of four (4) awards over their academic career at MSU

Award Details:

- Limit of \$2,000/year (up to four (4) awards) with any possible combination of travel and professional development (including books, society memberships, software, laptops)
- Awardees are able to apply for all other types of funding provided by The Graduate School at MSU
- **A brief written summary of the activities supported by the award is required as well as a brief oral report to the MSU AGEP Learning Community**

Selection Criteria:

- Current and active participation in the MSU AGEP Learning Community
- Merit of the proposed activities (including how it relates to preparing the candidate for the professoriate)
- Letter of recommendation/nomination by the major research advisor.

Additional Application Materials:

- Detailed proposal of professional travel and/or professional development activities to be supported by the award
- Detailed budget of how the award will be used
- A narrative (500-word limit) about the applicant's participation in MSU AGEP Community activities
- Letter of recommendation from the faculty advisor or a pertinent faculty member

Application Process and Due Date: Complete and submit an *AGEP Scholar Award Application* in its entirety by **February 20, 2026, at 5pm EST. Letters of recommendation need to be mailed or emailed separately.** Applications will not be accepted after the due date. Application packets describing activities that prepare the candidate for the professoriate will be given funding priority. All application materials should be submitted together in one (1) packet and the packets should be returned to The Graduate School via email. Materials should be emailed to **Bonnie Wigman at wigman@msu.edu**.



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The Graduate School

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Date: _____

(Please TYPE)

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student Name: _____ Student PID: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
Department: _____ College: _____
U.S. Citizen: Yes ☐ No ☐ Permanent Resident: Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

NOMINATING FACULTY: (please include letter of nomination)

Name: _____ Position: _____
Department: _____ College: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
Phone Number: _____

(Print) Nominating Faculty

(Signature) Nominating Faculty

Date

DEPARTMENTAL ENDORSEMENT:

The above student is making satisfactory progress towards his/her degree.

(Print) Department Chair

(Signature) Department Chair

Date

STUDENT CERTIFICATION:

I certify that all information provided is accurate, correct and complete.

(Print) Student

(Signature) Student

Date

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Initials: _____