

THE NEED FOR FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT

POWERING LEARNING AND INNOVATION

By any measure, Northeastern has earned distinction as a global, experiential research university built on a tradition of engagement with the world. Our graduate students are collaborating across disciplines to solve some of today's greatest universal challenges—from outsmarting cybercriminals to designing disaster-resilient buildings, from advancing drug delivery to exploring cures for neglected diseases.

But to outpace our competition, Northeastern must continue to attract the brightest scholars, who will seize every opportunity to grow, reinvent, and lead discovery well into the future.

For many talented graduate students, financial considerations are the deciding factor in their choice to attend Northeastern. Fellowships provide our exceptional students with direct aid, and give them the flexibility and freedom to focus on research and to pursue valuable investigative experiences.

Philanthropic support of fellowships will help Northeastern recruit and retain top graduate students from around the globe, and inspire them to explore new lines of inquiry and solve society's most complex challenges.



"I arrived at Northeastern with an interest in pursuing a research laboratory that incorporates multiple concentrations of science, and brings together a team with a diverse range of expertise. My fellowship gave me the opportunity to join Professor Dagmar Sternad's Action Lab, which perfectly fits my interests in using quantitative methods grounded in engineering and physics in order to explore questions on human movement and motor control."

—**Leonora Blodgett**, PhD student
Electrical Engineering
Clare Booth Luce PhD Fellowship

WHY FELLOWSHIPS?

- **Fellowships are awards, not loans.** Northeastern's graduate students do not repay fellowships, which enables them to conduct their research and studies without needing to raise extra income or assume debt that restricts their career choices.
- **Fellowships recruit and retain outstanding scholars.** A fellowship confers prestige on the recipient, who demonstrates both the potential and ambition to pursue cutting-edge education and research.
- **Fellowships support critical needs.** Fellows may use funds to support expenses such as tuition, stipends, lab equipment, and materials, allowing them to devote themselves full time to their work.
- **Fellowships grow Northeastern's global profile.** By attracting top graduate students from around the world, fellowships in turn recruit first-rate faculty. As these scholars unite to unravel society's pressing problems, they will grow Northeastern's stature as an experiential research university.



"I'm immensely grateful for this fellowship in allowing me to pursue my PhD, which will equip me with invaluable skills, like data analysis, policy, and geospatial mapping, to understand water quality problems and how they must be solved within an environmental justice framework."

—**Tiffany Tang**, PhD student
Chemical Engineering
Sami Alsaif Doctoral Fellowship

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT

Establishing a fellowship is a powerful way for a donor to signal a commitment to Northeastern and to provide essential resources to attract and advance talented, diverse graduate students. Endowed funds exist in perpetuity and generate steady, spendable income each year, while current use funds make an instant, present-day impact. A donor may designate either type of fund as unrestricted and used for general support, or as restricted and expended for a defined purpose.

- **Fully funded endowed fellowship.** Creating a fellowship to fully finance one graduate student for one academic year will subsidize costs such as tuition, equipment, housing, and incidentals. This assured support empowers the recipient to focus on his or her investigative work—and by generating spendable income annually, the fellowship will help Northeastern recruit students when economic and political fluctuations affect other funding sources.
- **Partially funded endowed fellowship.** Establishing an endowed fellowship will partly fund one student for one year, eliminating financial hurdles that might impede an exceptional student's decision to attend Northeastern. Removing these obstacles will give the university an edge as competition for top graduate students intensifies, particularly in nascent disciplines.
- **Fully funded current use fellowship.** Financing a current use fellowship will make an immediate impact by providing one graduate student with readily available monetary resources for one academic year. This enables Northeastern to help our talented scholars meet day-to-day pressing needs ranging from tuition to living expenses, from lab equipment to materials that further their research.

TRANSFORMING RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY

22,000+

} degree-seeking graduate and PhD students

36

} doctoral programs in emerging fields within the sciences, humanities, social sciences, and engineering

96%

} increase in applications to research PhD programs since 2010