



VCU
Graduate School

Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Doctoral Scholars Program

Deadline Date: May 1, 2017

Institutional Award

The VCU Graduate School is pleased to announce the 2017-2018 Doctoral Scholars Program, Institutional Award. The VCU Graduate School has partnered with the SREB Doctoral Scholars Program to provide support services to underrepresented minority students seeking their Ph.D. and plan to become college or university professors. Preference will be given to STEM disciplines. The Institutional Award is for scholars who are expecting admission before the fall semester begins. The Institutional Award offers three years of program support. In addition, the award provides professional development support and covers expenses associated with attending the Compact for Faculty Diversity Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring.

For the first two years, the Graduate School will pay university tuition only (not fees), \$24,000 stipend support and SREB administrative costs. In the student's third year, school/department will pay university tuition, stipend support for each student commensurate with similar fields who are at the same level and administrative cost. The school/department will pay the university fees for this Institutional Award.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered, applicants must meet these requirements.

- The University will implement an inclusive and holistic approach to its implementation of this program consistent with its overall approach to diversity; University will include in its outreach underrepresented candidates representing racial, ethnic, and economic diversity, age, gender, LGBTQ status, national origin, disability status, as well as veterans and first generation college-educated.
- Must be accepted into campus-based Ph.D. program.
- Must hold (or will receive) a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university by the beginning of the fall semester of the year of the application. The program particularly encourages applicants who seek Ph.D.s in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or have legal permanent resident status.
- Must not be employed outside of your department or discipline.
- Must plan to become a full-time college or university faculty member after earning a Ph.D.

Applicants

Please submit a single PDF file to include:

- One or two page letter of interest (including statement of teaching goals)
 - Include department, discipline, or major field of study
 - Include Area of specialization
- Letter of recommendation from the graduate program director, department chair or associate dean of graduate education.

to mtyler@vcu.edu. Applications will be reviewed based on letter of interest, letter of recommendation and graduate admissions application materials. If you have any questions, please call Melissa Tyler at 828-2261.

For more information, visit www.sreb.org/doctoral-scholars-program