

Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Hertz Graduate Fellowship

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Section	Brief description	More information
1. Award	The Hertz Graduate Fellowship is a merit based award that funds a cost-of-education allowance (covers fees and tuition at participating schools) and a personal-support stipend (currently \$34,000/9 mos. for up to 5 yrs. and other benefits in a package estimated to be worth \$250,000) for students pursuing a PhD in STEM	http://hertzfoundation.org/fellowships/fellowshipaward Compensation package Moral commitment: “The Hertz Foundation strongly believes that science and technology should make a positive impact on our nation.”
2. Eligibility	College seniors, recent graduates, or first year graduate students who are United States citizens or permanent residents and who wish to pursue a PhD in applied physical and biological sciences, mathematics, and engineering. High academic standing and technical mastery is necessary to be competitive.	Eligibility & Fields of Study
3. Timing	Applications open in August and close in late October (dates vary from year to year).	Application
4. Selection Criteria	Exceptional intelligence and creativity with particular emphasis on those aspects pertinent to technical endeavors; Excellent technical education evidenced not only by transcripts and references, but also by the results of a personal, technical interview; Orientation and commitment to the application of the physical sciences; Extraordinary accomplishment in technical or related professional studies which may offset slightly lower academic records or add luster to outstanding ones; Temperament and character conducive to high attainment as a technical professional, Appropriate moral and ethical values; and Leverage - what difference the award is likely to make in the kind, quality, and/or personal creativity of the student’s graduate research.	There are typically 750 applications for 12 awards each year.
5. Smith Role	This fellowship requires no official Smith endorsement.	
6. Fun fact(s)	The Hertz Foundation was founded by John Daniel Hertz, an Austrian emigrant who made a fortune by breeding and racing horses.	Biography of John Daniel Hertz
7. How to get started	Interested students should talk with their major advisers and also reach out to Fellowships Program staff at fellowships@smith.edu to strategize and plan their application and related graduate school applications	