

Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans

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	Brief description	More information
1. Award	This award honors immigrant contribution to the United States by investing in the graduate education of 30 New Americans who receive financial support over two years of study and access to extensive alumni network Each Fellow receives up to \$90,000 in financial support over 1-2 years. Join strong alumni network of first and second-generation immigrants across a diverse range of professions.	https://www.pdsoros.org/ 30 awards made each year. In 2018, 77 applicants were invited to interview. Over 1,700 applications are made for the awards.
2. Eligibility	Applicants must have a citizenship status of New American (either immigrants or the children of immigrants) who are 30 or younger and plan on starting or continuing a graduate degree in any field. Includes US citizens who are the children of two immigrants (or an immigrant single parent), naturalized US citizens, US green card holders, current and former DACA recipients, immigrants who have completed high school and college in the US.	Eligibility Note: Applicants who are beyond the second year of the graduate program that they are seeking funding for as of the November deadline are not eligible.
3. Timing	Application opens in April and its submission deadline is November 1 st , 2019. Students should begin work on the application in the spring preceding application.	Timeline
4. Selection Criteria	Fellows are selected for their creativity, originality, and initiative as well as demonstrated motivation and accomplishment. Additionally, applicants must be committed to the values of US citizenship and contributing to their chosen field of study. “We are simply looking for the 30 most outstanding New Americans pursuing graduate school in this country who will go on to make significant contributions to their respective fields and American life. We do focus on the ‘distance traveled’ by applicants: we consider the obstacles and opportunities they’ve faced to better understand their merit.”	Criteria
5. Smith Role	No institutional endorsement is required. Treating this opportunity just like other competitive programs that require formal endorsement is the key to your successful application.	Plan early, start your application early, take advantage of all help available and offered.
6. Fun fact(s)	The program was founded by Paul and Daisy Soros, Hungarian immigrants who wanted to assist others in their educational goals and cultivate the United States as a melting pot of personal achievement and collective opportunity. Eight of 30 Soros Fellows in 2017 were aged 21 or 22. Socheata Poevv '02 received a Soros Fellowship in 2010 to support her Yale MBA. Azucena Ramos '09 received a Soros to support her MD/PhD studies at Harvard and MIT.	About the Fellowship 2017 Infographics
7. How to get started	Before registering reach out to Fellowships Program staff (fellowships@smith.edu) to consult and strategize.	Application The Foundation offers webinars for applicants.