Is the GEM Fellowship right for me?

GEM offers MS and Ph.D. level students an outstanding opportunity and access to dozens of the top Engineering and Science firms and universities in the nation. The GEM Fellowship maximizes students' success both at the university and in future professional positions.

2005 Application Cycle

GEM will accept applications July 1, 2004 – November 1, 2004 for the 2005 Fellowship awards. Funds will start Fall 2005.

We do suggest, however, that you send your transcripts and letters of recommendation in as soon as possible (starting today if you wish). One great suggestion is to ask your university to mail your transcript to you; when you get the transcript, you can mail it to the GEM Office. (This cuts down on the chances of the items being late or lost).

Another suggestion on sending recommendations: When you complete your on line application, hit submit. After you hit “submit” you will get a URL that you can give to your recommenders and they can submit their recommendation on line.

Try to get at least three letters of recommendation. Because the recommendation is asking questions related to your “potential for success” in graduate school, make sure you have at least 2 letters from people in Academia.

Eligibility Requirements

Candidates for participation in these programs are selected from the following under-represented minority groups:

- American Indian
- African American
- Latino
- Puerto Rican
- Other Hispanic American.

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen at time of application. Students apply as early as their junior year.

Further Requirements

MS Engineering Program Applicants must be a junior, senior, or graduate of an engineering program accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) at the time of applications. Computer science and computer engineering majors are also eligible. A cumulative grade point average of 2.8/4.0 is required. MS Engineering students will intern until completion of graduate school.

Ph.D. Program Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0/4.0. All Ph.D. science applicants should be of junior or senior classification or be a recipient of a baccalaureate degree in a science discipline. Ph.D. engineering applicants should possess or be working toward a master's degree in engineering. Ph.D. Applicants must possess an academic record that indicates the ability to successfully pursue graduate studies in engineering or the natural and physical sciences. Ph.D. students will intern at least once prior to entering the Ph.D. program.

GEM Fellows are required to report to the GEM University Representative at the beginning of each academic term to complete applicable GEM forms and secure appropriate signatures.
The length of time stipulated for the Ph.D. programs varies with the discipline and requirements of the GEM University. Ph.D. candidates are expected to carry a full time course-load toward the doctoral degree requirements. GEM Ph.D. Fellows are expected to accept a research or teaching assignment after the first year of support. They are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the Fellow's University. Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress results in dismissal as a GEM Fellow. A change or deviation from normal policies and procedures (leave of absence, change of program, etc.) must be approved in advance by petitioning the GEM Office. The written petition must provide a detailed explanation and justification for the requested change and be approved by the Fellow's academic advisor and the GEM University Representative. All petitions are handled on a case by case basis.

If you have ANY, ANY, ANY questions at all –

contact the GEM Office. Do not be afraid to ask us questions!

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