Call for Applications:

Google PhD Fellowship Nomination for Fall Start 2026

Purdue may nominate up to **four** outstanding graduate students doing exceptional and innovative research in computer science and related fields and who seek to influence the future of technology. Graduate students must apply to be selected as one of the four potential nominees.

__Deadline to request your nomination: Sunday, March 29 at 11:59 PM ET__

What does the fellowship provide?
- Students receive $85,000 per year for up to two years to put towards tuition, fees, stipend, travel, and personal equipment.

What are the eligibility requirements?
- Complete graduate coursework by Fall 2026. Research credits beyond this date are allowed.
- Maintain full-time enrollment in your PhD program for the duration of the fellowship.
- Conduct research in one of the following fields: Computer Architecture; Algorithms and Optimization; Health Research (emphasis on AI and technology to generate and understand health datasets); Human-Computer Interaction; Machine Learning and ML Foundations; Machine Perception; Natural Language Processing; Privacy, Safety, and Security; Quantum Computing; Software Engineering and Programming Languages; Systems, Networking, and Cloud Computing. See Research Areas of Focus information for definitions of each field.
- Research must align with Google AI Principles

Who is not eligible?
- Google employees, their spouses, children, and members of their household
- Students already supported by a comparable industry award; government or non-profit organization funding is exempt
- Past awardees from the PhD Fellowship program

What are the review criteria?

Applications are evaluated on the strength of the research proposal, research impact, student academic achievements, and leadership potential. Research proposals are evaluated for innovative concepts that are relevant to Google's research areas, as well as aspects of robustness and potential impact to the field. Proposals should include the direction and any plans of where your work is going in addition to a comprehensive description of the research you are pursuing.

How can I learn more about the program?
- Visit the Google PhD Fellowship website

How do I apply to be a Purdue Nominee?
1. **Open the online application and log in using the blue Purdue University Login button:** https://gradschoolfellowships.infoready4.com/#freeformCompetitionDetail/2010391
   Note: You are able to save, return, and modify your application until the due date of 3/29/26

2. **As soon as possible, provide contact information for your primary advisor in the application section for submitting a letter of recommendation**. Select "Send Reference Letter Request" when saving your draft so they will be provided with instructions and a link to upload their letter. Complete this step as soon as possible so they have ample time to submit a letter of recommendation by the deadline of March 29, 2026. We recommend also reaching out to your advisor ASAP about your intent to apply and to ask them to look for the letter request from InfoReady.

3. **Prepare the following materials to provide in the online application:**
   a. 350-word limit essay on leadership experience (details in online application)
   b. 1-page summary of your dissertation research, including a brief summary of previous work, objectives and overview of methods for future work, and the anticipated impact of your research on your field **and** society.
      o Required formatting: 1 page maximum (excluding references), Times New Roman font, minimum font size 12, 1" margins, single line spacing. Graphics are allowed but contribute to the one page maximum. Will be uploaded as a PDF.
   c. CV with links to website and publications (website and links not required but strongly recommended). Will be uploaded as a PDF.

4. If selected as one of Purdue's four nominees, you will have approximately **two weeks** to complete the final application and secure **1–2 additional letters of recommendation (2 strongly recommended)**. Because of this short timeline, you should contact potential additional letter writers now to inform them of your intent to apply and confirm their availability in the event that you are nominated. The application will require you to list these letter writers and confirm that you have contacted them.

When will I learn if I am selected to apply to the Fellowship?
- We anticipate notifying nominees by April 14.

What additional materials are required if I am selected as a nominee?
- If you are selected to be one of Purdue's four applicants, you will have approximately two weeks to submit the following additional materials on **April 28**:
   o An expanded 3-page research proposal (references excluded from page limit; no specific formatting guidelines provided)
   o 350-word essay about the desired impact of your research
   o 1-2 additional letters of recommendation
   o Official transcripts of current and previous academic records. Request these now, prior to notification of nominations, to allow sufficient time to receive them. Depending on the institution, requests may take around 3 weeks.
   o A short (1-page) CV of your primary advisor
   o Cover sheet signed by the Department Chair confirming you will complete graduate course work by Fall 2026

Questions can be sent to OGSPS Fellowships Office at trainee-funding@purdue.edu