

The Bio-X Leadership Council is pleased to announce the fifth annual competition for Bio-X Graduate Student Fellowships. The fellowships are the generous gift of an anonymous donor who is helping Stanford strengthen graduate training in interdisciplinary biosciences and so spur important new advances in science and engineering.

Seven 3-year fellowships will be awarded and will provide funding for three years, to begin Fall Quarter 2008/2009. The funding is to be utilized toward payments for graduate tuition and stipend. Eligible graduate students must be 1) working in the lab of a Bio-X affiliated faculty member, 2) starting their first, second, or third year of a Ph.D. program on September 22, 2008. The Bio-X Graduate Student Fellowship may not be combined with any other full fellowship awards. Students already supported from other full fellowship sources, such as NSF, NIH, SGF, are not eligible to apply. The start date of an awarded fellowship can be postponed for a maximum of six months.

The Bio-X Leadership Council will evaluate the applications and awardees will be announced on June 2, 2008. Applications will be considered for both the Bio-X Graduate Student Fellowships and the Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowships, and the Bio-X Leadership Council will determine which students will receive each award. Please see <http://vpge.stanford.edu/SIGF/index.html#terms> for more information about the Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship. For both fellowships, preference will be given to projects that are interdisciplinary in nature, bringing together biology with physics, chemistry, engineering, computer science, or other fields. Preference will also be given to students who are jointly mentored by faculty members who are expert in distinct areas of science and technology. For a complete list of faculty now affiliated with Bio-X, consult http://biox.stanford.edu/faculty/faculty_affiliates_intro.html. (All Stanford faculty members are eligible to become affiliated with Bio-X and should contact Carla Shatz at cshatz@stanford.edu to be added to the group.) See <http://www.stanford.edu/group/biox/grant/fellowships.html> for a description of the research pursued by other Bio-X Graduate Student Fellows.

Applications must be received, not postmarked by, April 23, 2008 at 5:00pm (electronic submissions are preferred). Please include with the application: 1) a research plan no longer than two pages (references or full page figures not included); 2) two letters of recommendation from Stanford faculty members; 3) official transcripts from all institutions attended; 4) copies of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores; 5) description of present forms of tuition or stipend funding; 6) curriculum vitae. The application may be found at: http://biox.stanford.edu/grant/pdf/Fellowship_Application_2008.pdf

Applications should be submitted by email to the Bio-X Education and Fellowship Manager, Dr. Jill Sakata (jsakata@stanford.edu). Please send the research plan, application, and letters (sent directly from faculty) and save files using the following format: {lastname_firstinitial_application; lastname_firstinitial_researchplan}. All other application materials may be mailed or delivered to:

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Awardees will be expected to provide brief annual reports of their progress, to participate in scientific events with other Bio-X Fellows, and to meet with donors who support the program.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

1. *Are the eligibility requirements for Bio-X Graduate Student Fellowship and Bio-X SIGF in Human Health identical?*

No.

A Bio-X Graduate Student Fellowship must begin in the first, second, or third year of a Ph.D. program, while the SIGF award must be used in the first six years of graduate studies. Students applying for Bio-X Graduate Student Fellowship are ideally in their 1st or 2nd year of a Ph.D. program, while SIGF applicants are ideally in their 2nd or 3rd year of graduate studies.

Examples of Eligibility for Bio-X Graduate Student Fellowship and SIGF

	Bio-X Fellowship	SIGF	Award received in:
student who entered Biology Ph.D. program and started graduate studies at Stanford in Autumn 2005	Not eligible, applicant will begin 4 th year of Ph.D. program in Sept. 2008	Eligible	SIGF may be used in 4 th , 5 th and 6 th years of graduate studies.
student who entered Chemistry Ph.D. program in Autumn 2004	Not eligible, applicant will begin 5 th year of Ph.D. program in Sept 2008	Not eligible, applicant will begin 5 th year of Ph.D. program in Sept 2008	Not eligible for either Bio-X Graduate Fellowship or the SIGF
student who entered Computer Science Ph.D. program in Autumn 2006	Eligible, applicant will begin 3 rd year of Ph.D. program in Sept. 2008	Eligible, applicant will begin 3 rd year of Ph.D. program in Sept. 2008	Bio-X Graduate Fellowship or SIGF received in 3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th years of Ph.D. or graduate studies.

2. *Is the Bio-X Graduate Student Fellowship application identical to the Bio-X SIGF in Human Health application?*

Yes.

The application and the process for determining the award recipients are the same for the Bio-X Graduate Student Fellowship and for the Bio-X SIGF in Human Health award. The Bio-X Leadership Council will review applications to determine which students will receive each award.

3. *If an official transcript from a foreign institution is difficult to receive, may a copy be provided?*

Yes.

Please contact the Bio-X Fellowship Manager (jsakata@stanford.edu) to coordinate receipt of any international transcripts.