

UNLP Scholarship and Fellowship Q&A

Q: Does DOE anticipate increasing the tuition allowance anytime soon? It has stayed pretty low and covers very little. The Stipend goes up every few years, but not the tuition.

A: Tuition is something that the UNLP Program reviews each year. UNLP tries to balance the award, providing the most support for the student while also making the fellowship competitive with other opportunities available to students. UNLP also takes a look at the funding level provided by Congress and the number of fellowships UNLP hopes to award, having the right balance.

Q: Is there a restriction on the number of years a student is in a PhD program to qualify for the fellowship? Does the limit include Master's years as well?

A: Yes, it includes any graduate school attended; you can apply the year before you start graduate school, or in your first year of graduate school. The most graduate school an applicant can have completed at the time of award (Fall 2024) is 12 months.

Q: If a student finishes their master's degree, will they be eligible to apply for the fellowship for their PhD?

A: If their research is similar in their Master's and PhD, the fellowship is for 3 years total, if requested for all 3 years, then it could cover two years of the Master's degree and one year of the PhD.

Q: Are the students in physics working on nuclear energy materials eligible to apply for the fellowship?

A: Yes, students in physics may be eligible.