The Office for Diversity in Graduate Education (ODGE) administers the DOVE Fellowship. The fellowship provides a $22,500 stipend, tuition at regular graduate school rates (up to 14 credits per semester), and subsidized health insurance for one academic year. Graduate programs must nominate prospective students

Q: Who is eligible to be a nominee for the DOVE Fellowship?
A: Nominees MUST be U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents entering The Graduate School at the University of Minnesota for the first time in the 2013-2014 academic year (entering Fall term). Students pursuing either the master's degree or doctoral degree can be nominated.

Q: What is the DOVE Fellowship definition of diversity of views and experiences?
A: The DOVE Fellowship seeks to assist graduate programs to promote a diversity of views, experiences, and ideas in the pursuit of research, scholarship, and creative excellence. This diversity is promoted through the recruitment and support of academically excellent students with diverse ethnic, racial, economic, and educational backgrounds and experiences. Programs are encouraged to consider students from groups that have been traditionally underrepresented in the graduate programs.

Q: Can prospective students nominate themselves?
A: No, students are unable to nominate themselves. Only the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) in the prospective graduate program can nominate students. Contact the graduate program directly and request to be considered for the DOVE Fellowship.

Q: What do prospective students need to write for the Diversity Statement?
A: The graduate program will ask nominees to write a narrative statement (no longer than two pages) on how her or his background, experiences, and achievements will contribute to the University's goal of promoting excellence through diversity. If applicable, nominees should mention hardships or obstacles that they have overcome to complete their undergraduate education (e.g. low-income and first-generation college students). If you have submitted a Diversity Statement (Statement #2) to The Graduate School online application, you have fulfilled the statement requirement.

Q: What are the review and selection considerations?
A: An interdepartmental faculty committee reviews all nominations. Selection considerations include:
• The strength of the nominee’s undergraduate academic records, recommendations, and test scores (if required) in the context of the rigor and reputation of the undergraduate college and major (and the graduate record, if applicable).
• Evidence that the nominee has achieved academic success while overcoming substantial educational or economic obstacles.
• Demonstrated experience with, or commitment to, serving or working with historically underserved or underprivileged populations.
• The strength of the nominee’s goals/career statement.
• The level of commitment by the program to fund the student beyond the first year and to provide support for participation in the Summer Institute as well as research and conference travel.
• The extent and level of the nominee’s preparation, suitability, and high academic potential for the proposed program.

Q: **What is the length and monetary value of the DOVE Fellowship?**  
A: The DOVE Fellowship, a one year fellowship, has an *approximate* value of $36,500 (which includes a $22,500 stipend and approximate tuition and health insurance of $14,000).