

IUB Application Fee Waivers

The University Graduate School (UGS) is responsible only for application fee waivers for UGS IUB graduate programs. To verify that your program is a UGS program, check the list of graduate degree programs.

IUB applicants must meet at least **ONE** of the following:

- (1) Participant in a program, directed by a program leader, that prepares underrepresented students to earn a Ph.D. or M.F.A. and to pursue career in teaching and research at the college or university level
- (2) Participation in IU recruitment events
- (3) A volunteer in the Vista/Peace Corps or AmeriCorps
- (4) A veteran, a member of Reserve or National Guard, or a current member of the US Armed Forces (please answer the Military Status question on the application)
- (5) Recipient of a distinguished fellowship
 - UGS defines a distinguished fellowship as an award that is highly competitive, of significant monetary value (i.e. annual stipend of \$20,000 or greater), and be a multi-year award. Examples include, but are not limited to, the Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, and the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship.

These waivers are for U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents only. One fee waiver is allowed per applicant. There are three types of fee waivers:

1. Fee Waiver for Members of Specific Organizations

If you qualify for the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program application fee waiver, please forward a letter from your director to grdschl@indiana.edu. If you qualify, you will be sent a fee waiver code to enter to your application.

Participation in one of these organizations may also qualify you for a fee waiver. Please complete the BTAA Fee Waiver application. If you qualify, you will be sent a fee waiver code to enter to your application.

- Big Ten Academic Alliance – Summer Research Opportunity Programs (BTAA)
- Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMS)
- Institute for Recruitment of Teachers Program
- Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP)
- Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC)
- Post-Baccalaureate Research and Education Program (PREP)
- Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Institute (PPIA)
- Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE)

2. Fee Waiver for Specific Recruitment Programs

Application fee waivers are available for participants in the programs listed below. Please note any special requirements for each program. Please complete the BTAA Fee Waiver application. If you qualify, you will be sent a fee waiver code to enter to your application.

- **Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS)** - must visit IU recruiter at annual conference and complete contact information card.
- **American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Conference** - must visit IU recruiter at annual conference and complete a contact information card.
- **BTAA FreeApp** - must meet the BTAA FreeApp criteria and complete that application along with meeting the IU University Graduate School criteria. The goal of the Big Ten FreeApp program is to increase access

of underrepresented students to Ph.D. and M.F.A. degrees and the professoriate. For more information on this program please visit their [website](#).

- **California Diversity Forum** - must visit IU recruiter at annual forum conference and complete a contact information card.
- **Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Conference** - must visit IU recruiter at annual conference and complete contact information card.
- **GEM Fellowship Program** - must be selected for the GEM Fellows program. For more information on this program, please visit their [website](#).
- **Getting You into IU (GU2IU) Recruitment Program** - must be invited and attend the visitation hosted by Indiana University. For more information on this program please visit their [website](#).
- **Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) National Conference** - must visit IU recruiter at annual conference and complete contact information card.
- **University of Liberia** - must be a current student or alumnus of the University of Liberia. Please complete the education background section of the application before selecting this recruitment program.

3. Fee Waiver for Current Vista/Peace Corps or AmeriCorps Volunteer

If you have volunteered at least a year with Vista, Peace Corps, or AmeriCorps (US citizens or Permanent Residents only) within the last two years, please forward a letter of documentation to grdschl@indiana.edu. If you qualify, you will be sent a fee waiver code to enter to your application.

Questions about application fee waivers should be sent to grdschl@indiana.edu