

Women in Science

Association for Women in Science

Due: January 25, 2007.

Graduate Fellowship

Website: <http://www.awis.org/careers/edfoundation.html>

2007 Predoctoral Awards

About 5-10 AWIS graduate fellowships in the amount of \$1,000 are awarded each year. The four memorial awards are: (1) [Amy Lutz Rechel](#) Award, for an outstanding graduate student in the field of plant biology, (2) [Luise Meyer-Schutzmeister](#) Award, for an outstanding graduate student in physics (see note below), (3) [Ruth Satter](#) Award, for an outstanding graduate student who interrupted her education for at least three years to raise a family, and (4) the [Diane H. Russell](#) Award, for an outstanding graduate student in the field of biochemistry or pharmacology. AWIS may also award Citations of Merit (\$300).

NOTE: For predoctoral fellowship applicants in the field of **physics**, do not use the links below for application forms. The Schutzmeister award competition is managed by Dr. Gerald Hardie at Western Michigan University. To request application forms contact him at gerald.hardie@wmich.edu. (This does not apply to the college scholarship or Lorentzen award applicants in the field of physics.)

Who May Apply?

In general, female students enrolled in a behavioral, life, physical, or social science or engineering program leading to a Ph.D. degree may apply. See the detailed list in the application instructions to confirm eligibility of your field. All applicants except those for the Satter award must have passed their department's qualifying exam and expect to complete their degree by June 2009. (Satter award applicants may apply at any time in their Ph.D program, including the first year.) Non-U.S. citizens must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program at a university in the United States. Previous applicants to this program may not reapply. Eligibility criteria are subject to change.

Evaluation Criteria

Reviewers consider academic achievement, the importance of the research question addressed, the quality of the research, and the applicant's potential for future contributions to science or engineering. The program is quite competitive, with about 100 applicants last year.

How may the award be used?

The award may be used for any aspect of education, including tuition, books, housing, research, travel and meeting registration, or publication costs, for example.

Application Deadline and Forms

The 2007 predoctoral application forms may be obtained via the links below. You must use

these forms. The application includes a summary form, a five-page research plan, two recommendation letters, including one from the thesis adviser, and transcripts of undergraduate and graduate coursework.

The deadline for receipt by AWIS of completed predoctoral applications is **January 25, 2007**. See the application instructions for the mailing address.

Use the links listed here to print the predoctoral instructions and application forms. Be sure to adjust the browser settings so the forms print properly. Use the browser back button to return to the list and proceed to the next form link. When you return, be sure that you are at the predoctoral links.

[2007 Predoctoral Instructions](#)

[2007 Predoctoral Summary Form](#)

[2007 Reference Form One-Thesis Adviser](#)

[2007 Reference Form Two-Professor or Research Adviser](#)

Awards

All awardees will be notified by email by the end of July. Others may find the list of awardees in September via a link on the AWIS Educational Foundation homepage (www.awis.org/ed_foundation.html). Awards also are announced in the fall issue of the *AWIS Magazine*.