The Wells Graduate Fellowship
Visionary Leadership, Academic Excellence, Character, Social Consciousness, Generosity

Herman B Wells, who was beloved by countless individuals in Indiana and far beyond, is renowned as a great leader of American higher education in the twentieth century. He led by word and deed, devoting his life to making Indiana University an academic and cultural institution of international stature.

He enrolled at Indiana University as an undergraduate in 1921, joined the faculty of the Department of Economics in 1930, was appointed Dean of the School of Business Administration in 1935, and began his legendary 25-year presidency of the university in 1937. Upon his retirement in 1962, he was named University Chancellor, a position he held until his death in 2000.

Through his legacy, Chancellor Wells continues to support Indiana University. In his estate, he provided for an annual graduate fellowship. The fellowship will be awarded each year to students who demonstrate the qualities for which Chancellor Wells was renowned: leadership abilities, academic excellence, character, social consciousness, and generosity of spirit. One fellowship will be awarded each year, although more than one award may be possible during a given year.

Nomination Process: Any department can nominate one doctoral or M.F.A. student who exemplifies the characteristics of Chancellor Wells. The nominee must be at least in the second year of graduate studies at Indiana University and a regularly enrolled student during the award year. The nominee may be a candidate for a doctoral degree. The Awards and Financial Aid Committee, a standing committee of the Graduate Council, will make the selections. An application must consist of the following, in the order listed below:

- Letter of nomination from the Department Chairperson, or from a Faculty Member designated by the Chairperson;
- Two (2) additional letters of recommendation;
- Personal statement from the candidate (no longer than two (2) pages in length);
- Curriculum vita/résumé for the candidate.

Award Value: This is a single-year award valued at $33,000, in addition to student health insurance. Note: The award must be used for the year it is awarded. A recipient cannot place this award into a "reserve status" because of receiving another award. The fellowship is a stipend only. The nominating school must agree to provide a tuition remission.

Student Deadline: Students must contact their school/department for the deadline. All award and fellowship nominations must be submitted by your school/department. We will not accept any self-nominations.

Department Deadline: All nominations need to be submitted through SharePoint (1 pdf per student nomination) by Friday, November 15, 2013.

Questions may be directed to Ms. Yvonne Dwigans, Fellowships Coordinator, by email at ylivings@iu.edu, or by telephone at 812-855-8852.

*Schools/Departments are responsible for contacting the candidates that have applied, but were not chosen for nomination.
The Wells Graduate Fellowship Application
2013-2014

1) Name and Title of Nominator:

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2) Nominator’s Campus Address, Phone Number, and Email Address:

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3) Student’s Name:_____________________ IU ID Number:________________________

4) DOB:___________

5) Student's Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________

6) Student’s Major/Department:____________

7) Student's Email:____________

Please mark the student's status:

A) Doctoral student (student that still has course work to complete): _____
B) M.F.A. student:  _____
C) Candidate for doctoral degree (student that has completed all required course work and their oral and written qualifying exam):  _____

Date student began graduate studies at Indiana University:

Month: _______________ Year: _______________

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