

What is the Distinguished Graduate Fellowship Program?

The NDIAS selects up to ten doctoral students from across Notre Dame to participate in a year-long program aimed at increasing their interdisciplinary literacy, developing their communication skills, and cultivating their professional network. The program is designed to give students a service-free year to advance their research and build skills for the next stage of their careers in an increasingly interconnected world.

What will I gain from the program?

RESEARCH PROGRESS

- Premium stipend and research funds
- Weekly work-in-progress seminars
- Professionalization workshops
- Co-working space at the NDIAS

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- 3-day communication workshop led by Duarte, a professional communications coaching group that helps researchers explain their work to broad audiences
- Writing workshop led by an opinion editor at *The New York Times*

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

- Access to NDIAS events, faculty seminars, and social outings
- Mentorship from NDIAS Faculty Fellows

Who is eligible?

- Applicants must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program at Notre Dame and be in good standing.
- Applicants should be in the dissertation-writing stage of their program.
- Attendance is expected at weekly seminars, communication trainings, and NDIAS events.

What do I need to apply?

- A cover letter describing your interest in the program, your current research, and your project's connection to the research theme, which is chosen each year to address a contemporary issue
- Your CV
- A brief statement of support from your advisor

How do I apply?

- To apply, please visit ndias.nd.edu/gradprogram.
- The call for applications is issued early each spring semester.

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