

## Call Me Doctor® Fellowship Application Announcement



The Call Me Doctor® Program (CMD) focuses on developing talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) doctoral scholars to bring cutting-edge science/engineering concepts to the community and to the K-12 classroom. The Call Me Doctor® Fellowship offers a unique opportunity for students from underrepresented and diverse backgrounds to pursue their doctoral studies with financial support, professional development, and mentoring from faculty with interdisciplinary expertise.

### Eligibility and Application Requirements

Eligible applicants must be U.S. citizens from underrepresented groups within the field of their PhD pursuit. For questions about underrepresented status please click [here](#). Applicants must be either current first-year PhD students at Clemson or prospective PhD students with at least a BS degree. Applicants must have applied or have been accepted into a Clemson PhD program within a STEM discipline. Applications for new fellows are accepted each fall and spring semester for enrollment in the following semester. The following components are also required for application to the CMD Fellowship Program:

- Essay Response (1,000-word limit) discussing the following:

*Outline your professional development plans, describing your personal, educational and/or professional experiences that motivated your decision to pursue graduate education. Explain how you envision graduate school preparing you to contribute to scientific understanding and influence the next generation of STEM professionals.*

Specifically, the following qualifications and/or experiences are preferred:

- Evidence of the interdisciplinary nature of expected research area
  - Evidence of previous outreach efforts
  - Commitment to future outreach and professional development
  - Commitment to diversity and inclusion in STEM
- Letter of support from the faculty mentor describing the mentoring plan, including details for student and professional development, research advisement, and career guidance. Also included should be a statement of the faculty mentor's previous track record with student mentoring (limit 1 page)
  - Letter of Commitment from Department Chair/Advisor detailing financial support that will be provided during award years 3-4, which must at least be equivalent to the departmental teaching assistant funding level. *Departments/advisors are highly encouraged to fund or seek other funds up to the \$30,000 stipend level from years 1-2.* The letter must be signed by the Department Chair and Faculty Research Mentor.
  - Current Curriculum Vitae (limit 5 pages)

### Program Benefits

CMD Fellows will:

- Receive a stipend of \$30,000 per year for 2 years. The first two years are fully supported by the CMD program. The final two years are intended to be supported by the

department or advisor with supplemental funding from the University and respective college.

- Be assigned to a mentor who will serve as an academic, research, and professional development advisor.
- Work in a collaborative, team-based research and training environment.
- Develop and implement a community service or K-12 STEM outreach project relevant to their dissertation.
- Develop a multi-disciplinary network of life-long colleagues, including both faculty and fellow students.

Applications requesting Spring 2020 enrollment are **due December 27, 2019 by 5:00 pm EST**. Completed applications should be sent in a single PDF to Dr. Jordon Gilmore ([jagilmo@clermson.edu](mailto:jagilmo@clermson.edu)) by the above stated deadline. Any questions should be directed to Dr. Gilmore via email.