**IACS New Recruit Fellowship**
The IACS New Recruit Fellowship is awarded to new, incoming graduate students who are recognized as stellar students because of their outstanding potential indicated, for instance, by high undergraduate GPA, strong letters of recommendation, as well as their active research record.

**What the fellowship provides**
The fellowship is in addition to the regular stipend provided by the home department or research grant and raises the stipend to $32,000 for 1 calendar year, plus $4000 for travel and equipment. Distinguished IACS fellows will be permanently identified on the IACS website and in IACS publications, and their work will be highlighted in IACS workshop and conference proceedings. At the Institute for Advanced Computational Science our goal is to provide a springboard for students to reach for and obtain optimal career opportunities associated with the relevant emerging fields of graduate study.

**Continuation of the fellowship**
Continuation of the fellowship for a second year is contingent upon the approval of an IACS core or affiliate faculty member as a research supervisor who will pay the department-level stipend, a strong evaluation by that faculty member, and the availability of funds. Also required is that the student receive no less than a B in any graduate course taken throughout the duration of the fellowship along with at least a B+ GPA. (*For students who have been awarded an IACS fellowship but subsequently receive a second outside fellowship, for example from NSF or DoE, continuation of the IACS fellowship will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.*)

**Who is eligible**
The student's background, and plans for study and research, must be aligned with research currently undertaken by a core or affiliate faculty member in the institute. Applicable departments where our core or affiliate faculty reside are: Physics, Applied Math, Computer Science, SOMAS, Geosciences, Sociology, Materials Science, Chemistry, Biomedical Informatics, Ecology and Evolution. *The fellowship is available to both domestic and foreign students. This fellowship can also be offered in conjunction with another fellowship, e.g., GCF, as long as the maximum stipend of $32K is not exceeded.*

**Nomination process**
Candidates for IACS New Recruit Fellowships are chosen by the departments to which the students are applying. All candidates must have been admitted (evidenced by an offer of admission and full support issued prior to the date of the nomination) to the relevant doctoral program. Each department may nominate up to 3 candidates. Submission of a nomination by the program implies agreement, in the event the nomination is successful, that the program will honor its financial
obligations in each academic year of the fellowship and will provide a full tuition scholarship from the program’s tuition scholarship allocation.

**Deadlines for F15**

- Departments must check off by **Tuesday, January 27** the IACS Fellowship box on the Nomination panel in Apply Yourself to flag those candidates they are recommending for the fellowship. **Please also click ‘OK to allow business rules to fire off.’ (See attached instructions.)**
- All nomination materials must be sent electronically by the Graduate Program Director in pdf format to iacs@stonybrook.edu by **Friday, January 30**. If submitted by another person, the GPD must be copied. Submission documents are detailed below:
  - Departments must submit a letter of nomination endorsed by the Graduate Program Director that includes specific reasons why the nominee is considered a top applicant;
  - A statement describing the criteria the program employs in making admissions decisions;
  - An evaluation of the nominee against these criteria
  - Relevant transcripts in pdf format
  - The offer of admission and support issued to the applicant

The review committee is made up of 4 IACS core and/or affiliate faculty members. Selection criteria are based on GRE test scores, research experiences and/or recommendation letters along with the department’s letter of nomination. Selections will be communicated to the departments by **Friday, February 13**.

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