

REQUIREMENTS FOR CLARE BOOTHE LUCE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Seton Hall University offers competitive graduate research fellowships for outstanding female students in the STEM M.S. with thesis and Ph.D. programs in the departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Mathematics and Computer Science, Physics, and some Biological Sciences (e.g., biophysics, bioinformatics, and biomathematics, computational biology, etc.) who are planning to pursue PhD degrees. These fellowships are not to be used for students planning careers in healthcare and related fields. As these awards are intended to support research, candidates that can demonstrate a strong start to their intended research program will receive higher consideration.

The Fellowship consists of the following:

1. An annual stipend of \$30,000 (Ph.D. Candidates) / \$18,000 (M.S. thesis Candidates)
2. University Health Benefits (\$5,567 in 2023-24)
3. Full tuition for up to 20 graduate credits per year (\$30,400 in 2023-24)
4. Full university fees (\$535 in 2023-24)
5. Up to \$5,000 in professional development funds to be used in support of the student's work according to CBL guidelines (which excludes international travel).
6. Students in good standing will be supported for a maximum of two academic years of full-time study and research.

Criteria for Applying:

1. According to the rules of the Clare Booth Luce Foundation, the candidate must be a female United States citizen or permanent resident pursuing or planning to pursue a Ph.D. degree in the STEM disciplines and who has not expressed an interest in pursuing a healthcare or allied health career (no medical-dental, physical therapy, physician assistant, nursing, or related careers).
2. Graduate students in the Departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry and Biological Sciences who passed their Ph.D. candidacy examination (or equivalent) in 2023 or anticipate passing in Spring, 2024 are eligible to apply for the Ph.D. Candidate awards. A statement from the student's department chair confirming eligibility is required.
3. Graduate students in or admitted to the M.S. thesis programs in all four departments or early career graduate students in the Ph.D. programs are eligible to apply for the M.S. Candidate awards.

Application Contents:

1. A one-page cover letter from the candidate introducing herself and listing the application materials included.
2. A nomination letter from the research mentor of the candidate. This letter must include a plan for the student's support following the fellowship if the final degree is anticipated to require more than two years to complete.
3. Two additional letters of recommendation from faculty members (other than the research mentor). One of the letters should be from the chair of the student's Ph.D. Candidacy Examination committee or M.S. thesis defense committee. These letters should be sent separately to Associate Dean Mitra Shojania Feizabadi (Mitra.Shojania-Feizabadi@shu.edu).
4. For Ph.D. Candidate awards, a letter from the department chair confirming eligibility for the Ph.D. Candidate award.
5. An unofficial copy of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
6. An essay, not to exceed five pages double spaced, 12-point font, from the student describing their research project proposal and how the Fellowship will accelerate their

career goals. M.S. candidates must discuss their plans to attain admission to a doctoral program and pursue a Ph.D. degree.

7. Copies of any original research or experiential learning material, including the Ph.D. Candidacy Proposal (PowerPoint presentations, research reports or papers).
8. Application materials should be combined into a single PDF file and received by Associate Dean Mitra Shojania Feizabadi (Mitra.Shojania-Feizabadi@shu.edu) by April 1, 2024. Successful applicants will be notified on or about April 15, 2024, for fellowships beginning in Summer 2024.
9. The Committee may require a personal interview.

Criteria For Awarded Fellows, to be identified as “Clare Boothe Luce Graduate Fellows”:

1. The Fellow must maintain full-time student status during the two years of support.
2. The Fellow must continue to meet the milestones of their degree program in a timely fashion and maintain satisfactory academic process.
3. The Fellow may not accept additional employment while supported by the CBL program.
4. The Fellow must meet annually with the CBL Committee in April of each year to discuss progress toward graduation and submit an annual written report according to instructions provided by the CBL Committee.
5. The fellow must make reasonable effort to be available to present their research at Luce Foundation sponsored events and at the Petersheim Academic Exposition during and, if requested, after the fellowship period.
6. M.S. Candidates must complete and defend an M.S. thesis and commit to seriously applying to a Ph.D. program at the conclusion of the fellowship.
7. M.S. Candidates awarded following one or more years of study will be subject to additional scrutiny following the first award year. M.S. degrees should normally require no more than two full-time years to complete.
8. The fellowship is for a maximum of two years with no possibility of renewal.
9. No student may receive more than one fellowship award at Seton Hall.
10. The fellowship terminates upon graduation of the candidate with a Ph.D. or M.S. degree.
11. The fellowships are awarded and administered by the Clare Boothe Luce Fellowship Committee and the College of Arts and Sciences.