Purpose:

The Carter G. Woodson Scholars Program (CGWSP) is a component of the Northern Illinois University commitment to promote the entry of underrepresented (African American, Latino and Native American) into this nation’s professorial and professional ranks. Initiated in the fall of 1984, the CGWSP provides academic and financial support to underrepresented teachers/scholars wishing to pursue full-time doctoral study at Northern Illinois University.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be a U.S. citizen and a member of a underrepresented group (must indicate underrepresented status on the Graduate School application form). Must be admitted by the Fall Term.
2. Must meet Graduate School and departmental requirements for regular admission to a doctoral program. Must be admitted by June 1.
3. Must be planning to return to or seek a teaching or administrative position at an institution of higher education.
4. Must be nominated by a department chair, college dean, or graduate director and submit two letters of recommendation.

Application/Nomination Process:

Department chairs, college deans, or graduate directors are invited to identify talented underrepresented candidates and complete the nomination form. Two letters of recommendation should be submitted indicating the demonstrated or potential scholarly excellence of the nominee. Curriculum vitae, publications, reports, portfolios, an indication of teaching effectiveness, or other evidence of scholarly/instructional activity can accompany the nomination. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Web (http://grad.niu.edu/grad/funding/fellowships.shtml) or calling the number below.

Award Amount:

- Up to $19,000 stipend.
- Stipend renewable for a second year with department nomination.
- Partial tuition waiver of $357 per credit hour up to 9 hours in the Fall and Spring semesters and up to 6 hours in the Summer semester. (Fees are not covered.)

Application Deadline: February 10, 2016

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