

# GEM Fellowship Guide

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GEM Fellowship (The National GEM Consortium) <https://www.gemfellowship.org/gem-fellowship-program/>

## Timeline & Eligibility

- **Application Opens:** Typically from **July 1** each year.
- **Deadline: Second Friday in November at 11:59 PM Eastern Time.**
- **Eligibility Requirements:**
  - Must be a **senior, current graduate student**, or **graduate** from an accredited engineering or applied science program.
  - **U.S. citizen** or **permanent resident** required.
  - **Minimum GPA:**
    - **MS program:** at least **2.8/4.0**.
    - **Ph.D. program:** at least **3.0/4.0**.

## Getting Started—Step-by-Step

1. **Confirm your eligibility**
  - a. Check your academic status and GPA, and confirm citizenship requirements.
2. **Register on the eGEM portal** (typically opens around July 1).
3. **Prepare and complete the online application**, including:
  - a. Resume and unofficial transcript upload.
  - b. Personal **Statement of Purpose** (minimum one page) outlining your academic, research, and career goals.
  - c. At least **two letters of recommendation** submitted online by the second Friday in November (3 are recommended, with at least one from faculty).
4. **Apply to a minimum of three (3) GEM Member Universities** in STEM fields by their deadlines (or by **January 15**, whichever is earlier). Note: this requirement may be waived if you're already enrolled in a STEM graduate program at a GEM Member University that agrees to sponsor you.

## Tips to Build a Competitive Application

- **Statement of Purpose:** Be clear and compelling about your goals—why GEM, why your field of study, and how this fellowship enables your aspirations.
- **Graduate Applications:** Apply to at least three GEM Member Universities; reaching out early can help coordinate admissions and funding confirmations.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Choose recommenders who can speak specifically to your technical strengths and potential. Ensure timely submissions.
- **GPA & Fit:** Ensure your GPA meets thresholds and choose programs that align closely with your academic and career trajectory.

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## Selection Process Overview

- **Selection Committee** reviews and certifies applications soon after the November deadline.
- **Employer Sponsorship Matching:** Selected applicants may be matched with GEM Employer members for internships and sponsorship.
- **University Confirmation:** GEM Member Universities must confirm willingness to support you (tuition, stipend) before the fellowship is finalized.
- **Award Finalization:** Upon approval, you'll sign agreements (e.g., Student Acceptance, Code of Conduct, University Support Confirmation) and submit an official transcript.

## Benefits & Requirements

- **MS Engineering Fellows:**
  - Full tuition & fees at GEM Member University.
  - Minimum \$16,000 total stipend over the program.
  - Up to two paid summer internships with GEM Employer Members.
- **Ph.D. Engineering Fellows:**
  - Full tuition & fees.
  - Minimum \$16,000 annual stipend (supplemented to match department levels).
  - Paid summer internship after selection.
  - University funds continue through Year 5, contingent on academic standing.
- **Code of Conduct:** Requires professional behavior during internships, submission of performance reports, and maintaining contact with GEM and Employer. Failure to comply may result in dismissal.

## Additional Practical Advice

- **Start early:** Application preparation—especially gathering materials, applying to universities, and arranging recommenders—takes time.
- **Use campus and GEM resources:** Speak with fellowship advisors and GEM representatives at your institution for tailored guidance.
- **Track deadlines:** Keep detailed records of all application and program deadlines to ensure a smooth process.

## Summary Checklist

- Confirm eligibility (citizenship, GPA, academic status)
- Register on eGEM portal when open (typically July 1)
- Prepare resume, transcript, statement of purpose
- Request and track recommender submissions (2–3 letters by mid-November)
- Apply to at least three GEM Member Universities by their deadlines
- Complete GEM application by **Second Friday in November** at 11:59 PM ET
- Monitor for employer sponsorship and university confirmations

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- Sign required agreements and submit official transcript upon selection
- Prepare for summer internship and fellowship engagement