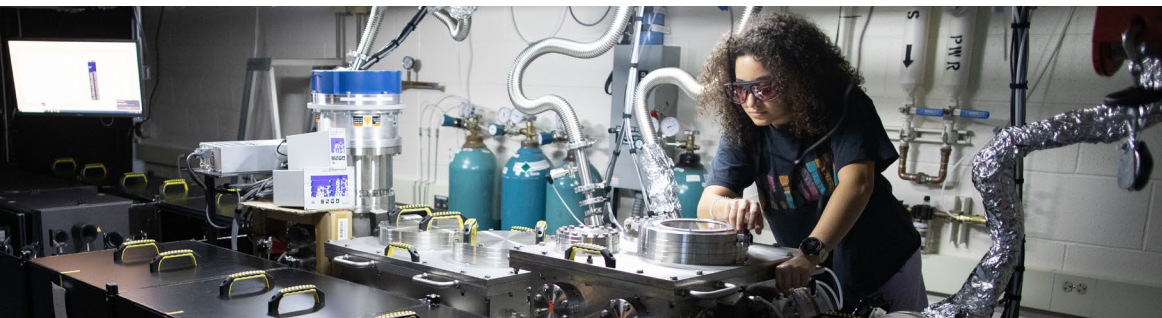




University of Wisconsin–Madison

Forward Fellows

Starting research early was invaluable to my transition...I believe the positive effects from this opportunity have only just begun to show. – 2024 Forward Fellow

For Incoming Graduate Students

Forward Fellows is a funded transition program designed to broaden participation in science and engineering. In this program, you will have the opportunity to come to UW–Madison for the month prior to the official start of your graduate program. The program will give you an opportunity to do research in your home department, acclimate to the university and campus, and build community with a group of diverse graduate students from across multiple STEM disciplines.

Program Advantages:

1. Receive one month of salary (plus health insurance) to do research in your home department.
2. Network and build community with people from across campus.
3. Participate in professional development activities to grow your early research skills.

Process:

You must be nominated by a faculty member from your admitting department.

Program start date:
July 27, 2025

Eligibility:

Incoming graduate students in a PhD or Research Masters program may be nominated for Forward Fellows by faculty from a MRSEC-participating department (listed below).

Departments include:

- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering
- Engineering Physics
- Pharmacy
- Physics

Students must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

What 2024 Participants are Saying:

“ I have already begun applying lessons from the professional development lunches, such as maintaining effective mentoring relationships...Beyond the academic and professional skills, the fellowship has also connected me with other fellows...It is important that I have friends outside of my discipline so that I don't get burnt out so early in my career. ”

Contact Information

To be nominated for the Forward Fellows program, contact a faculty member or the program coordinator from your admitting department.

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