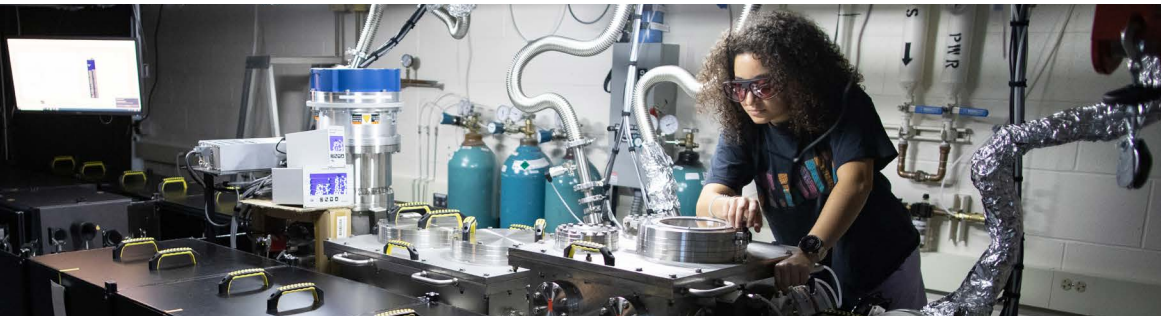




University of Wisconsin–Madison

Forward Fellows

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

Forward Fellows Summer 2026

Forward Fellows is a funded transition program designed to broaden participation in science and engineering. Eligible graduate students will have the opportunity to come to UW–Madison for the month prior to the official start of their graduate programs. The program provides students an opportunity to conduct research, acclimate to the university and campus, and build community with a group of graduate students from across multiple STEM disciplines.

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Program Advantages:

1. Provides one month of salary (plus health insurance) to do research in home department.
2. Participants network and build community with people from across campus.
3. Professional development activities foster early research skills.

Process:

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, January through April.

The nomination form may be found on the Forward Fellows webpage or via the QR code below. Nominees are later asked to submit a brief form.



NOMINATION FORM

Eligibility:

Any faculty from MRSEC-participating departments (listed below) can nominate an incoming graduate student in a PhD or Research Masters program for Forward Fellows.

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 and Engineering Physics
- Pharmacy
- Physics

Students must have financial support and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

Program start date:

July 27, 2026

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