

SURA Invites Applications for MSI Graduate Awards Program

Application Deadline: March 31, 2026

SURA's [Committee of Minority-Serving Institutions](#) (C-MSI) is seeking candidates to receive the 2026 MSI Graduate Award. Up to four awards may be made, with at least one award to a qualified student from a SURA non-R1 MSI school (Hampton University, Norfolk State University, Virginia State University)

About the SURA MSI Graduate Awards Program

The MSI Graduate Awards Program provides opportunities for undergraduate students from SURA MSI institutions to pursue graduate (PhD) education in a STEM discipline. The program supports SURA's commitment to help reduce barriers for students in higher education, preparing them to become part of a strong and productive workforce representative of the population today.



Awardees will receive a plaque and be recognized at the annual SURA Members Meeting.

Awardees who pursue doctoral education at a [SURA member university](#) will receive a \$5,000 stipend during their first semester at the SURA school. Award funds may be used to help defray expenses related to the student's graduate education, e.g., tuition, board, books, tools and supplies, training equipment, travel to conferences, etc.

Eligibility

The MSI Graduate Awards Program is open to undergraduate or graduate students from SURA MSI schools who plan to apply for STEM graduate (PhD) education for the AY2026-27 school term. Applicant should confirm with their administration that their school is a qualified MSI. Students currently enrolled in a PhD program are not eligible.

Evaluation Process

Members of the C-MSI will read and evaluate applications considering:

- Student's personal statement
- Resume including academic achievements
- Letters of recommendation

To Apply: See <https://sura.org/relations/msi-graduate-awards/>

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