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.

**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.

**Program start date:** July 28, 2024

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