

Argosy University, Chicago is pleased to announce the opportunity to offer DFI (Diversifying in Higher Education) fellowships to eligible students.

The application must be submitted to Lyuda Berkoff, Director of Student Finance by February 19, 2010 to be considered for the Fall 2010 semester.

Interested applicants should visit the link to the DFI Eligibility Section as soon as possible. To begin the DFI application process, an applicant must answer preliminary eligibility questions via an online system found at the following link:

<http://www.ibhe.org/OGA/DFI/eligibility.asp?Y=2011&C=DFI&T=N>.

Completion of the online application is the initial step and does not fully guarantee applicant eligibility. An applicant will be asked to enter general biographical information into the online system upon being determined initially eligible. After successfully completing this section, an applicant will be assigned an application number that must appear on each page of a completed application.

Completed 2010-2011 DFI application forms must be submitted directly to Lyuda Berkoff on or before February 19, 2010. The following documents constitute a complete DFI application:

- ✓ Official acceptance letter
- ✓ Completed application form
- ✓ Completed financial form
- ✓ Professional goals statement
- ✓ Statement of Underrepresented Status
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation
- ✓ Official transcripts
- ✓ Standardized test scores

Due to the state's worsening budget condition and the uncertainty of the FY2011 state budget, the DFI Program Board is uncertain of the exact amount of the Fellowship award. The DFI Program Board is committed to full funding. In FY2009, new Fellows were awarded \$20,000 awards and renewal Fellows were awarded \$14,000 awards. Last year, FY2010, DFI funding was reduced by 50 percent. The DFI Program Board voted to fund renewals at \$14,000 and new Fellows at \$6,800 due to the budget cuts. Program funding for the 2010-2011 academic year (FY2011) is contingent on the availability of funds appropriated by the Governor and Illinois General Assembly.