Can I apply I am not a US Citizen or permanent resident?

Preference is given to those with US citizenship or permanent residency status. Since this program exists to encourage placement of underrepresented groups into tenure track positions, citizenship is viewed as a positive asset.

I have finished my PhD dissertation, but will not receive conferral of the PhD degree until after July 1. What do I need to start the fellowship?

The PhD dissertation must be complete, successfully defended and the dissertation committee has signed off on the defense by July 1. The signed committee letter must be faxed or a copy mailed to our office. The scholar does not need to have 'walked' for graduation. (For November 15, 2017 deadline- The fellowship year is 2018)

What is the application deadline?

The deadline for submitting the online application is November 15 at 11:59 EST.

What needs to be submitted by the deadline?

Applicant materials that need to be submitted are:

- Cover letter addressed to Vice Chancellor Barbara Entwisle
- Curriculum vitae
- A statement of research plans (1-3 pages)
- A diversity statement on why you should be selected for this program (1–3 pages)
- Writing samples (e.g., publications and/or dissertation chapters). If a cd or dvd is to be submitted as a work sample, please send 7 copies of item to the program coordinator’s office.
- Up to three references for letters of recommendation (two required)
Can reference letters be uploaded or sent by a dossier service instead of having references upload letters?

To have dossier services upload the recommendation letters directly into the online system, please enter the name of each of your references into the application system as well as the dossier service email. Recommendation letters can be received until November 30.

Can I check the status of recommendation letters by my references to see whether they have been uploaded into the application system?

An applicant can check the status of recommendation letters until the online application system closes on November 15. After the deadline, you may email Jennifer Pruitt, jennifer_pruitt@unc.edu, to check the status of recommendation letters.

How is the selection process handled?

Shortly after the application period closes, department chairs and/or designated departmental review committees participate in online review of candidates’ submitted materials. If a department opts to nominate a candidate for the fellowship program, the chair will submit a recommendation letter to the CPPFD selection committee. The selection committee, consisting of staff and faculty from different UNC units, will review all materials associated with department nominations and select finalists for fellowship offer. Finalists will receive notification from program coordinator by mid-February.

When will all applicants be notified of selection/non-selection?

All applicants will receive notification by the end of February.