

Mason Science AJEDI Graduate Program Application Fee Waiver

George Mason University College of Science (Mason Science) is committed to advancing access, justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (AJEDI) throughout our STEM community. At Mason Science, our values include fostering an organizational culture that promotes Anti-Racism, belonging, respect, and civility. We believe that a diversity of opinions, cultures, and perspectives is what provides vibrancy to an academic community. Diversity is a source of innovation, energy, and growth. By adopting an AJEDI mindset that prioritizes inclusive excellence in academics, teaching, research, and global engagement, we strive to attract a diverse pool of students, faculty, and staff who exemplify the Mason Science mission and vision.

Waiver Eligibility

To be eligible for this AJEDI graduate program application fee waiver, you must meet at least one of the criteria below. *Please note: This waiver is not granted due to financial hardship.*

- Graduated from a Historically Black College / University (HBCU), Tribal College, Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), or Minority Serving Institution (MSI);
- First generation college student;
- From a single parent household;
- Resides in a rural city or town;
- Acceptance to one of the following national fellowship programs (**See fellowship list below**);
- From a group underrepresented in student body;
- Individuals with a disAbility / different ability;
- Active Duty or Veteran of the US Armed Forces;
- Demonstrated commitment to AJEDI (**Requires essay; see prompt below**); or
- Experience overcoming adversity or challenges (**Requires essay; see prompt below**)

In addition, you must meet **both** of the following academic criteria:

- GPA 3.0 or higher
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education

Essay Prompt

In no more than 150 words, please describe how you've demonstrated a commitment to diversity or describe your experience with overcoming adversity / challenges.

National Fellowships List

- BECAS
- Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholarship
- Department of Energy Computational Science Graduate Fellowship (DOE CSGF)
- Ford Fellowship
- GEM Fellowship
- Graduate Fellowship for STEM Diversity (GFSD) Fellowship
- National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (NDSEG)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)
- QUAD Fellowship
- Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Fellowship
- Soros Fellowship