Call for Applications:
Apple Scholars in AI/ML Nomination for Fall Start 2026

Purdue can submit applications for up to three outstanding graduate students doing exceptional and innovative research in 12 areas identified by Apple:

- AI for Accessibility
- Human Centered AI
- AI for Ethics and Fairness
- AI for Health and Wellness
- Privacy Preserving Machine Learning
- ML Theory
- Interactive ML and Agents
- ML Algorithms and Architectures
- Computer Vision
- Data-Centric AI
- Speech and Natural Language
- Information Retrieval, Ranking, and Knowledge

Grad students must apply to be considered for nomination
Deadline to submit your nomination packet: July 25, 2025, at NOON ET

What does the fellowship provide?
- Full tuition and fees (enrollment fees, health insurance) for two academic years
- Up to $40,000 USD each year to support living expenses
- $5,000 USD each year to support research-related travel and associated expenses
- Mentorship with an Apple researcher

Who is eligible?
- Must be enrolled full time at Purdue at the start of Fall 2026, and expect to be enrolled through the end of the 2026/2027 academic year
- Should be entering last 2-3 years of study as of Fall 2025
- Must not hold another industry-sponsored full fellowship while an Apple Scholar in AI/ML (Fall 2026 to Summer 2028)
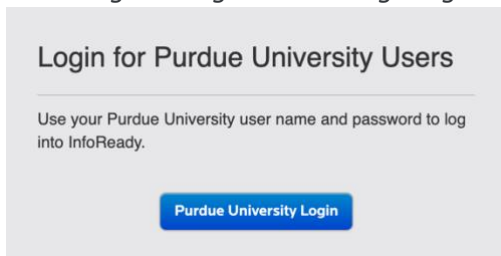
How can I learn more about the program and get application guidance?
- View all supporting documents included in the online application, including additional guidance about writing your research statement, Apple's definitions for each research area, and a reference letter guide.
- Visit the Apple Scholars website to learn about last year's winners and research directions:
  - https://machinelearning.apple.com/updates/apple-scholars-aiml-2025
  - https://machinelearning.apple.com/research/
- Contact trainee-funding@purdue.edu for any questions or to be connected to a fellowship writing coach

How do I apply to be a Purdue nominee?

1. **Open the online application** at the following address:
   https://gradschoolfellowships.infoready4.com/CompetitionSpace/#competitionDetail/1986486
   - *Please log in using the blue single sign-on button:*

2. **Download the Review Panel Commitment Form** under Supporting Documents and share it with your Director of Graduate Programs or Chair of the Graduate Committee for them to nominate a faculty member to serve as a reviewer. **Share this form with the appropriate representative in your department ASAP!** This form must be emailed to trainee-funding@purdue.edu by the application deadline of July 25, 2025 at noon.

3. **Within the online application you will be asked to provide:**
   - **Research abstract** (200 words maximum)
   - **Research statement** (4-page maximum including citations, in a legible font size)
     - Include past work and proposed direction for the next 2 years.
     - See supporting document in the online application for additional recommendations on the research statement
   - **Your CV and publication list**
   - **Contact information for your primary advisor to provide a letter of recommendation** (1 page maximum per letter)
     - **Complete this step of the application ASAP and save the application as a draft to send the notification to your advisor.**
     - Note: If selected as a Purdue nominee, you will need to provide a second letter of recommendation prior to submitting your final application. Consider notifying your preferred second letter writer now.

When will I learn if I am selected as a Purdue nominee?

- Nominees will be notified the week of August 18 and have approximately two weeks to polish their applications and submit the second letter of recommendation before Purdue uploads them to Apple's portal.

Questions can be sent to trainee-funding@purdue.edu