



GEM PhD OF SCIENCE PROGRAM LETTER OF INTENT

By execution of this Agreement _____ at the
(University School, e.g. School of Arts and Science)

(Name of University)

indicates It is a member of the **GEM PhD of Science Program of the National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering and Science, Inc. (GEM)**, a not-for-profit corporation. The purpose of this program is to increase the number of students from historically underrepresented minority populations who receive masters and doctorates in engineering and science.

As a GEM member and in collaboration with the GEM Office, GEM Company Members, GEM University Members, and GEM Fellows, the undersigned institution is entitled to the benefits of membership in GEM. As a GEM Member, the undersigned agrees to the following:

1. To accept _____ (name of student) as a
GEM Fellow beginning _____ (semester/quarter and year, e.g. Fall 2007)
2. To provide financial support for this GEM Ph.D. Science Fellow enrolled at the University as follows:
 - a. In the first academic year of graduate study, a supplement, if necessary, to the stipend provided by the GEM Consortium as approved by the GEM Board of Directors (currently \$14,000 per academic year) to bring the student's stipend to the same level (e.g. research assistant, teaching assistant) provided to other first year graduate students in that department.
 - b. In the first academic year of graduate study, a supplement, if necessary, to the tuition and fee support provided by the GEM Consortium as approved by the GEM Board of Directors (currently \$6,000 per academic year) to cover full tuition and fees for that student.

GEM will pay its portion of the stipend, tuition and fees upon receipt of the GEM Payment Request Form and GEM Attendance Schedule Sheets. GEM Payment Request Forms for stipend, tuition, and fees must be received within one year to be honored.

- c. Continuing support (stipend, tuition and fees) at the same level provided to other graduate students in that department for up to a minimum of four additional years of graduate study, assuming reasonable progress is made by the student toward a doctoral degree.

3. To assign a faculty mentor for each entering GEM Ph.D. Science Fellow to serve in an advisory capacity and monitor the student's progress toward the Ph.D. degree.
4. To keep the GEM Consortium informed of each GEM Fellow's progress by furnishing a grade report at the end of each semester/quarter grading period and a final transcript indicating the awarding of the Ph.D. degree.

The undersigned agrees to accept _____ (*student name*) as a GEM Fellow per the membership agreement with GEM as well as the terms outlined above.

(University Name)

(Date)

(Print Name)

(Title)

(Signature)