HOW TO APPLY

Candidates for the Global PhD Student Fellowship in the Sciences – Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, or Physics – submit a standard PhD admissions application to the NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science (GSAS).

Candidates for the Fellowship in Engineering submit a standard PhD admissions application to the NYU Tandon School of Engineering.

There is no separate application for the Fellowship: any applicant expressing interest in undertaking the research phase of the PhD with NYUAD faculty will be considered.

Application deadlines are set by each GSAS or School of Engineering department, and are usually in December for admission to the following academic year’s cohort. Applications will be reviewed by joint committees of faculty from NYU Abu Dhabi and NYU New York, with offers of admission extended by the relevant NYU New York school.

TYPICAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test (and subject tests where applicable)
- TOEFL or university degree from an English language institution
- Letters of recommendation
- Statements of purpose
- University transcripts

These are examples of basic application requirements. Some may differ by program; please see the GSAS and School of Engineering admissions websites for further information.

ABOUT NYUAD

NYUAD’s vision is to be counted among the world’s great research universities. It is a center of innovative education and of distinctive scholarship, research, and artistic activity.

Actively connected to NYU New York and its global sites, NYUAD embodies a new paradigm in higher education for a global world. Fully integrated in Abu Dhabi society, it has helped to establish the city of Abu Dhabi as a leading international hub of talent, ideas, and innovation.
The Global PhD Student Fellowship is a collaboration between NYU Abu Dhabi, the NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science, and the NYU Tandon School of Engineering. Global PhD students undertake doctoral research in biology, chemistry, computer science, physics, or engineering with NYUAD faculty, utilize NYUAD’s state-of-the-art resources, and earn a highly competitive doctorate from New York University.

The Fellowship is a unique opportunity to pursue advanced research across two exciting campuses. Students who receive the Fellowship spend the first year completing all graduate coursework with their home NYU departments in New York, and spend subsequent years working with NYUAD faculty members in Abu Dhabi.

Designed for exceptional students from around the world who want to engage in cutting-edge scholarship, the Fellowship provides generous support and a distinctive global experience.

**Benefits Include:**
- Tuition and fees
- A monthly stipend
- Global health insurance
- Campus accommodation in Abu Dhabi and a housing allowance while in New York
- Degree-related travel
- Access to competitive travel funds
- A New York University degree

NYUAD has contributed to my goals and accomplishments by providing the ideal environment for my research. The vast amount of resources available to PhD candidates has no match compared to anywhere else, and University faculty have strong ties to major industry players both in UAE and the US.

— Nektarios Tsoutsos, Global PhD in Engineering

New York

Global PhD students complete their course requirements in New York, generally during the fall and spring semesters of their first year.

In consultation with their advisor and department, students will outline a program of core courses and electives that fit their individual research needs.

Working in New York gives students the opportunity to connect with leading researchers in their field and provides the foundation for successful careers in academia, industry, and government.

Abu Dhabi

Students first visit Abu Dhabi the summer before starting courses in New York. New Graduate Student Orientation introduces students to NYUAD, Abu Dhabi, and the UAE, and is followed by a month-long summer visit allowing students to connect with faculty and develop their research interests.

In January of their first year, students visit Abu Dhabi again to continue laying the foundation of their research.

Once all coursework and qualifying exams are completed, students pursue full-time research under their advisors’ supervision in NYUAD’s brand-new, custom-built facilities.