

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What disciplines are accepted?

- We are welcoming of the study of intelligences from a diverse range of disciplines. The following (and related disciplines) represent the current breadth of the initiative, but is not exhaustive. Philosophy; Cognitive Science; Comparative Science; Human Development; Psychology; Economics; Computer Science; Neuroscience; Genetics; Anthropology; Computer Science; Genomics; Mathematics; Astronomy; Religious studies; Cultural studies; Evolution; Synthetic Biology. If you are unsure please feel free to send us an email at [diverseintelligences@templetonworldcharity.org](mailto:diverseintelligences@templetonworldcharity.org)

What qualifications do fellows need to have?

- Fellows must be pre-tenured assistant professors (or the global equivalent) and cannot have been a PhD student of either champion, or a postdoc or direct employee of either champion within the last two years. They must engage in research related to the themes of Diverse Intelligences described, and demonstrate enthusiasm for interdisciplinary collaboration.

I am an assistant professor. Can I form my champion team?

- We put no restrictions on how the champion and nominee team is formed. If a junior researcher identifies champions that are willing to nominate them and commit to be mentors they can be nominated. However, the nomination must be submitted by a champion.

Can I nominate someone even if I cannot be their mentor?

- It is expected that champions take on a mentorship role. If you do know of a nominee with high potential you could recommend them to a colleague that may be interested in serving as a champion.

I am not part of the DI community. Can I submit a nomination?

- You can, but we require that your champion partner have a strong connection to the Diverse Intelligences initiative and community.

I'm an assistant professor and I'd like to be mentored. Can I apply?

- Assistant professors can only apply if nominated by champions, as the program does not accept self-nominations.

Can I nominate more than one scholar?

- Yes, but each champion is limited to nominating two scholars

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Can I be a part of multiple champion pairs?

- You can be involved in up to two champion pairs.

Who does the grant go to?

- The fellow will be the project director of the grant. There will be a small budget allocated to honoraria for the champions for their mentorship support.

Can mentors and fellows all be at the same institution? Is there priority given for being at the same or at different institutions?

- Champions and nominees can be at the same institution. No priority is given for being at the same or different institutions.

Who can subawards go to? Must they go to other junior people or can they go to senior people? Can the mentors get one?

- There is no restriction on the academic level of who can receive the subawards. Because mentors may help guide the subaward process they are excluded from eligibility.

Why is a peer reference letter required?

- Some of the most impactful academic relationships form horizontally. The purpose of the peer reference letter is to gather information from the applicant from the perspective of a colleague in a similar career stage who has been privy to the nominee's development thus far.

Champion pairs - does the different disciplines mean different home departments or different disciplines regardless of department?

- Both disciplines can fall under the same home department.

I have left academia, but I am interested in being a champion. Is this possible?

- Yes, someone who has left academia can serve as a champion, however, they must have had tenure prior to leaving

What if my champion partner and I work in the same disciplines?

- This is acceptable if at least 2 disciplines are represented. For example, if one champion works actively in both philosophy and cognitive sciences, while the other works only in cognitive sciences we would consider two disciplines represented by the pair.

For any questions, contact us.

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