



# ***The Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellowship***



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*National Fellowship Foundation*

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# The Need

*The WW Indiana Teaching Fellowship*

**Teacher quality** is greatest school-based predictor of student success

**Not enough** highly-able people go into teaching

**Significant teacher shortage** contributes to **low student achievement**, particularly among **at-risk students**

**What this means for our society**



# Background

## *The WW Indiana Teaching Fellowship*

- **Announced December 2007**
- **Funded with \$10.1 million,  
The Lilly Endowment**
- **Supported by Governor's office,  
state leaders, business community**
- **Based in campus provosts' offices  
to ensure breadth and depth**
- **Open to career changers as well as  
current students/recent graduates**



# Four Goals

## *The WW Indiana Teaching Fellowship*

- **Recruit strong teachers for high-need urban/rural schools in science, technology, and mathematics (STEM fields)**
- **Attract the best and brightest to teaching**
- **Retain excellent teachers**
- **Transform teacher education**



# Why Woodrow Wilson?

- **Prestige**

- **Sixty-year reputation in higher education**
- **Fellows**
  - **13 Nobel Laureates**
  - **2 Fields Medalists**
  - **35 MacArthur Fellows**
  - **13 Pulitzers**

*Commitment to elevate the status of teaching*

- **School-university partnerships**

- **Quarter-century of professional development for teachers**
- **WW Early College High Schools**

- **Leadership in education**

**Arthur Levine—building on reputation**



# The Award

## *The WW Indiana Teaching Fellowship*

- **\$30,000 stipend**
- **Master's degree program at one of four Indiana universities**
  - **Ball State University**
  - **IUPUI**
  - **Purdue University**
  - **University of Indianapolis**
- **Preparation in a high-need urban or rural secondary school**



# The Award

## *The WW Indiana Teaching Fellowship*

- **Support and mentoring throughout a three-year teaching commitment**
- **Guidance toward teacher certification**
- **Lifelong membership in national Woodrow Wilson Fellows network**



# Eligibility

## *The WW Indiana Teaching Fellowship*

- **U.S. citizenship/permanent residency**
- **Bachelor's degree (by June 30, 2009) and/or strong professional background in a STEM field**
- **Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better**
- **Qualifying Praxis I scores**
- **Commitment to the Fellowship & its goals**



# **Application Process**

## *The WW Indiana Teaching Fellowship*

- **Applications accepted online only:**  
[www.woodrow.org/indiana](http://www.woodrow.org/indiana)
- **One application per candidate**
  - reviewed by Woodrow Wilson for Fellowship selection
  - reviewed by partner universities for admission to master's program
- **Applicant interviews in Indiana, February through mid-March**



# Selection Timeline

## *The WW Indiana Teaching Fellowship*

**ALL application materials  
due:**

**December 15, 2008**

Candidates notified if  
selected for an interview:

January 20, 2009

Interviews conducted:

early February—  
mid-March 2009

Further review with  
participating institutions:

mid-March—  
mid-April 2009

**Fellowship decisions:**

**mid-April 2009**



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