Dear Faculty Colleague:

IBM is pleased to announce the IBM Ph.D. Fellowship program for the 2010-2011 academic year. We have received many outstanding and exceptional candidates from universities all over the world in the past and encourage your participation. IBM Ph.D. Fellowship nominations may be made by faculty members from September 22 to October 29, 2009. Please note there are changes to the program scope, for details go to http://www.ibm.com/university/phdfellowship.

The IBM Ph.D. Fellowship Program is an intensely competitive worldwide program, which honors exceptional Ph.D. students who have an interest in solving problems of interest to IBM and which are fundamental to innovation in many academic disciplines and areas of study. These include: computer science and engineering, electrical and mechanical engineering, physical sciences (including chemistry, material sciences, and physics), mathematical sciences (including optimization), business sciences (including financial services, communication, and learning/knowledge), and service sciences, management, and engineering (SSME). Additional details are in the attached poster.

Preference will be given to students who have had an IBM internship, or have closely collaborated with technical or services people from IBM, or have co-authored papers, or have faculty research advisors who are close IBM collaborators.

The IBM Ph.D. Fellowship program also supports our long-standing commitment to workforce diversity. IBM values diversity in the workplace and encourages nominations of women, minorities and all who contribute to that diversity.

Please feel free to post the attached announcement poster in your department area. Additional details for the Ph.D. Fellowship program and the nomination form will be posted on the Internet at http://www.ibm.com/university/phdfellowship. Award recipients will be finalized mid February, 2010 followed by emails to all participants. All supporting documents for the fellowship, such as student's resume, and endorsement by the department head as well as the nominator’s recommendation must be included in the nomination form. We ask that each department submit no more than two new nominations (in addition to any existing fellowship nominations to compete for a renewal). In cases of more than one nomination for a fellowship (including competing renewal nominations), the department head's endorsement must include an indication of the relative merits of all the candidates and the department's prioritization of these candidates. Students must be enrolled full-time in a college or university Ph.D. program, and they must have completed at least one year of study in their doctoral program at the time of their nomination. Students in Europe and Russia may be nominated in their first year of study in their doctoral program.

IBM Ph.D. Fellowships are awarded worldwide. IBM Ph.D. Fellows are awarded a stipend for the academic year 2010-2011. Stipends vary by country/geography and the student will be informed at the time of the award what the value is for their country/geography. All IBM Ph.D. Fellows are matched with an IBM Mentor according to their technical interests, and they are strongly encouraged to participate in an internship at least once while completing their studies. While students may accept other supplemental fellowships, to be eligible for the IBM Ph.D. Fellowship they may not accept a major fellowship in addition to the IBM Ph.D. Fellowship. Students in Europe and Russia may accept government scholarships and remain eligible for the IBM Ph.D. Fellowship.
We look forward to receiving your department's nominations.

For further information, see your IBM contact, visit the website above, or contact phdfellow@us.ibm.com.

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Thank you,

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