
PHD FELLOWSHIPS
at the University of Rochester



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ROCHESTER

The University of Rochester offers
PhD programs in all of its schools:

ARTS, SCIENCES &
ENGINEERING

THE EASTMAN
SCHOOL OF MUSIC

THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
AND DENTISTRY

THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

THE SIMON BUSINESS SCHOOL

THE WARNER SCHOOL
OF EDUCATION





JOIN US

Help us make the world ever better. Your generosity can increase the number of PhD students in our programs, support their research, and ease their financial burdens. These students are doing work that affects—and even transforms—the way we look at and understand our world.

VALUE

At the University of Rochester, PhD students generate new knowledge, mentor undergraduate students, and fuel the economy with technological discoveries and entrepreneurial vision. They are an invaluable part of our research and teaching mission.

TRANSFORMATION

Pick any department—from music to microbiology to mathematics—and PhD students are at the center. They are in labs and libraries, testing theories and publishing papers, inspiring students, and collaborating with faculty. They are motivated by intellectual curiosity and by the challenge of discovering something new in their fields.

OPPORTUNITY

The majority of our PhD students receive some kind of financial support from the University's individual departments and schools. The number of them who can be accepted into a program is completely dependent on the limited financial resources.



GRADUATE STUDIES AT ROCHESTER

3,200

FULL-TIME STUDENTS

1,400

PART-TIME STUDENTS

300 PHD
STUDENTS

ADMITTED EACH YEAR

95

COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED

45 PHD
PROGRAMS

225

MASTER'S
PROGRAMS

20

NON-PH.D PROFESSIONAL DOCTORAL
PROGRAMS (DEGREES IN EDUCATION, MUSICAL
ARTS, NURSING PRACTICE, AND MEDICINE)



“The Provost’s Fellowship gave me
*THE FINANCIAL
FLEXIBILITY TO
PURSUE MY
RESEARCH IDEAS
TO THE FULLEST.*”

—Jacquelyn Gillette ’14S (MS), ’16S (PhD)
Assistant Professor of Accounting, Massachusetts Institute
of Technology, Sloan School of Management (2016)

At the Simon Business School, Jacquelyn Gillette worked alongside the top minds in accounting and finance. Her research focused on the role of debt analysts and their value to bond market investors—an area few have explored due to the amount of data collection and analysis required.

The Provost’s Fellowship allowed her the time to pursue her labor intensive research and write a quality dissertation. One month after graduating, Gillette accepted a position at Sloan, one of the world’s leading business schools.

*“BEING NAMED A
PROVOST’S FELLOW
ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT THE WORK I
WAS DOING WAS
IMPORTANT.”*

—LaRon Nelson '02N, '04N (MS), '09N (PhD)
Dean’s Endowed Fellow in Health Disparities,
Assistant Professor of Nursing, and Associate
Director of International Research at the Center
for AIDS Research at the University of Rochester

After completing four years of military service, an aptitude test pointed LaRon Nelson in the direction of nursing. While attending the University’s School of Nursing, he was encouraged by faculty to pursue his PhD and his interest in preventing HIV and sexually transmitted diseases around the world.

The Provost’s Fellowship allowed him to focus on his research. “Without it, my learning would have been affected. Because of it, I did not have to choose between buying a book or dinner for a week. It minimized these stressors and it propelled my research.”





*“AS A SPROULL FELLOW,
I KNEW THAT THE
UNIVERSITY REALLY
BELIEVED IN ME,
which propelled me into my research.”*

—Jessica Snyder '11 (PhD)
Scientist, T2 Biosystems

Jessica Snyder first came to the University on an NSF-funded undergraduate summer research program in the biophysics department. When looking at schools for her PhD program, the School of Medicine and Dentistry was a top choice. She knew the caliber of research being done here.

Snyder's dissertation on the interaction between proteins and nanomembranes provided opportunities to hone many scientific techniques and collaborate with colleagues from multidisciplinary perspectives. Today, she is a scientist at T2 Biosystems, a medical diagnostic device company in the Boston area.

SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS

Create Possibility

The University's dean of graduate studies makes two full-tuition PhD fellowships (with stipend) available to highly qualified applicants with the most exceptional academic records and research talent.

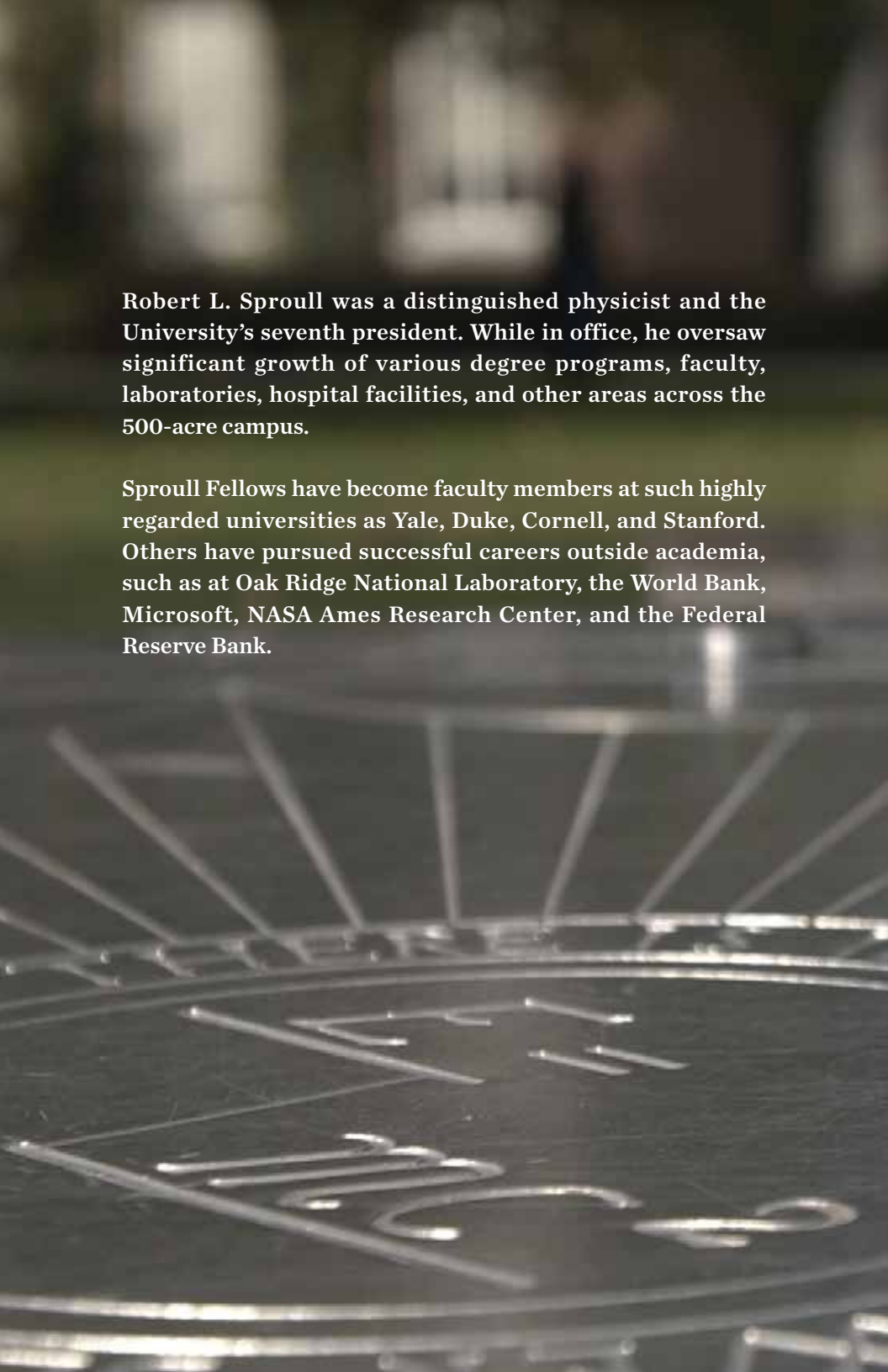
THE ROBERT L. AND MARY L. SPROULL FELLOWSHIP

The University awards its most prestigious fellowship to 6 to 10 incoming doctoral students in disciplines throughout its schools.

THE PROVOST'S FELLOWSHIP

These attract 6 to 10 accomplished members of underrepresented groups to the University who intend to pursue careers in academic teaching and research.

These fellowships support less than 5 percent of entering PhD students.



Robert L. Sproull was a distinguished physicist and the University's seventh president. While in office, he oversaw significant growth of various degree programs, faculty, laboratories, hospital facilities, and other areas across the 500-acre campus.

Sproull Fellows have become faculty members at such highly regarded universities as Yale, Duke, Cornell, and Stanford. Others have pursued successful careers outside academia, such as at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the World Bank, Microsoft, NASA Ames Research Center, and the Federal Reserve Bank.



“The Sproull Fellowship was a lifesaver.

*IT ALLOWED ME TO BE
HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE
AND TO FOCUS ON
MY RESEARCH.”*

—Stefan Love '10E (MA), '11E (PhD)
Assistant Professor of Music Theory,
University of Massachusetts Amherst

After earning his bachelor's degree from Brown University in 2006, Stefan Love knew he wanted to go to graduate school for jazz music theory. Eastman School of Music was a great fit for him.

He credits Eastman with giving him strong research acumen, strengthening his academic writing

skills, and helping him be an observant teacher who creates a positive learning environment for his students.

The Sproull Fellowship alleviated financial worries and afforded the time for him to focus on completing his master's and then his doctoral work. He finished both in just four years.

*“I WOULD NOT HAVE
A PHD TODAY IF I HAD
NOT BEEN AWARDED
THE PROVOST’S
FELLOWSHIP.”*

—Sandra Quiñones, '97, '98W (MS), '12 (PhD)
Assistant Professor of Literacy Education,
Duquesne University (Pennsylvania)

As an undergraduate, Sandra Quiñones knew she wanted to become a professor of education. To reach that goal, she earned a master's degree and then taught elementary school for eight years in Rochester, New York, and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

When it came time to pursue her PhD, the University offered her the Provost's Fellowship, which covered her tuition and provided a stipend. Being named a Provost's Fellow allowed her to focus on her graduate studies and develop as a scholar.





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GREAT HONOR
THAT HAS LET ME
CONFIDENTLY PURSUE
INTERDISCIPLINARY
RESEARCH.”*

—Richard Lange, Computer Science, PhD student
Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences

Richard Lange is interested in the brain and in computer science. When looking for a graduate school, the University of Rochester came out on top. It is highly regarded for its approach to brain and cognitive sciences and data science as well as its interdisciplinary education.

The Sproull Fellowship provides Lange with financial and academic freedom to delve into his research and focus on how computer science can help make discoveries about how the brain works.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Advance Knowledge

The University's schools and departments invest some operating funds to support our PhD students—funds that are already stretched thin by faculty and staff salaries. Because resources are constrained, these schools and departments must limit the number of PhD students they can support.

Your help can make a significant difference, as our ability to attract the best and brightest students depends significantly on the financial packages we can provide them. Please join us.

ENDOWED PhD FELLOWSHIPS

Your generosity can help draw the most qualified scholars to our campus. Please consider supporting the existing Sproull or Provost's Fellowships or establishing a new one. Or consider making an outright gift that will benefit one or more PhD students per year. Such support provides opportunities to follow the research of these fellows and to potentially meet them.

Endowed Fellowship: \$250,000 minimum

Term Fellowship: \$5,000 annually for five years

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