



Penn Nursing Hillman Scholars Program in Nursing Innovation

The Penn Nursing Hillman Scholars Program in Nursing Innovation is designed to provide support for a BSN-to-PhD program at Penn which, in partnership with the Hillman Foundation, strives to create a new cadre of nurse scientists and leaders who will shape innovative solutions to health care in the future. Hillman Scholars in Nursing Innovation will receive a loan of \$30,000 for the last two years of undergraduate work plus doctoral training support that will cover tuition, living stipend, health insurance, and a modest research/travel fund, a value today of approximately \$45,000 a year. The Scholar must complete a PhD program in nursing in which case the loan is forgiven. The maximum student obligation for loan payback in the Hillman Scholars Program in Nursing Innovation for not completing the PhD is \$75,000 which can be repaid over a 10-year period. Doctoral training support is guaranteed for 3 years.

This is a competitive program open to current sophomore and junior students and incoming secondary degree students. We seek academically talented students who wish to become premier nurse researchers. If selected you will be able to take some of your graduate courses prior to the completion of your undergraduate degree and seamlessly continue in graduate coursework leading to your PhD. If selected you will be assigned a faculty mentor, spend at least 8 hours/week embedded in your mentor's research center for the duration of your education, and participate in seminars that will be designed specifically for this program.

BSN/PhD Application Process – Application deadline **October 15, 2011**:

A completed application includes the following documents:

- 1) Completed PhD application accessible at <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=upenn-N>
- 2) Responses to both the doctoral essay question and the accelerated essay question
- 3) Three letters of recommendation. Please note at any time the admissions committee may request further recommendations.
- 4) Official results from the GRE exam taken within the last five (5) years, submitted no later than October 15, 2011. No decisions on selection will be made until the results of the GRE are submitted.

Applicants may be invited to interview in December 2011.

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