

**APPROVED**  
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**DIVERSIFYING HIGHER EDUCATION FACULTY IN ILLINOIS PROGRAM  
FISCAL YEAR 2020 GRANT ALLOCATION**

**Submitted for:** Action

**Summary:** This item recommends the allocation of anticipated fiscal year 2020 appropriation for grants authorized by the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program (DFI). The DFI Program provides financial assistance to underrepresented students pursuing graduate and professional degrees at Illinois public and private institutions.

The DFI Program supports the goals of the *Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success*. The \$1.456 million will support approximately 103 DFI awards in Fiscal Year 2020, including awards for 70 continuing and 33 new recipients. In the event of DFI Program funding reductions, the award amounts to recipients will be adjusted to meet the level of available funds.

**Action Required:** The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby authorizes the Executive Director to allocate the Fiscal Year 2020 appropriation for grants authorized by the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Act and recommended by the DFI Program Board

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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The Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program (DFI) provides financial awards to eligible underrepresented students pursuing graduate and professional degrees at Illinois public and private institutions of higher education. As a condition of the award, recipients agree to accept a teaching or staff position in an Illinois higher education institution or governing board, or an education-related position in a state agency, equal to the number of years the student was a participant in the program. The DFI Act authorized the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to appoint a DFI program board to establish policies and procedures to administer the program. The IBHE also provides the DFI program leadership and administrative program support.

The application process for Fiscal Year 2020 was opened to students in December of 2018. There were approximately 200 application requests for this year. In April of 2019, the DFI Board approved recommendations for Fiscal Year 2020 funding of \$1.456 million for the DFI fellowship awards. The DFI Board recommends funding for 103 DFI fellows. The distribution of fellowships awarded is for 70 continuing students at \$15,000 and 33 new students at \$12,000.

Table 1 lists the distribution of students and the participating institutions.

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolution:

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby authorizes the Executive Director to allocate the Fiscal Year 2020 appropriation for the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program institutional grant awards listed on Table 1 attached to this item, as specified by the statute and recommended by the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program Board. The Board further authorizes the Executive Director to withhold payment or adjust a grant allocation, if necessary, to conform to existing statute, rule, or available funding or to assure compliance with any previous grant agreements.*

TABLE 1  
Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Act  
Distribution of Fiscal Year 2020 Awards  
Pending Fellow Acceptance

<u>Institution</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Masters</u>	<u>Doctoral</u>
Adler University	1	3	4	0	4
Aurora University	0	2	2	0	2
DePaul University	1	1	2	0	2
Eastern Illinois University	3	0	3	3	0
Governors State University	0	6	6	2	4
Illinois State University	1	6	7	0	7
Loyola University	1	1	2	1	1
National Louis University	1	0	1	1	0
Northeastern Illinois University	3	1	4	4	0
Northern Illinois University	1	8	9	0	9
Roosevelt University	2	0	2	2	0
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	1	1	2	0	2
University of Chicago	3	5	8	0	8
University of Illinois at Chicago	8	19	27	0	27
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	7	17	24	1	23
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>89</b>