

The Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellowship



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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



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



Why Woodrow Wilson?

- **Prestige**

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

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 15, 2010)
- Undergraduate major and/or strong professional background in a STEM field
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better
- Qualifying Praxis I score
- Commitment to the Fellowship & its goals



Application Process

The WW Indiana Teaching Fellowship

- Applications accepted online only:
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
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The Inaugural Cohort

The WW Indiana Teaching Fellowship

- **59 Fellows** selected from 4,000 inquiries, 318 applicants and 114 finalists.
- Fellow pool demonstrates **excellence and diversity**
 - 97% with STEM major
 - 88% with undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - 27% hold advanced degrees
 - 50% more than five years out of college
 - 56% female



How You Can Help

The WW Indiana Teaching Fellowship

- Spread the word to current seniors in your STEM classes.
- Nominate high-caliber students by sending an email to Kovac@woodrow.org.
- Visit the Foundation Web site – www.woodrow.org/Indiana - to learn more.

