# IBM WW University Award Programs

**PhD Fellowship**
The PhD Fellowship Award Program is an intensely competitive worldwide program, which recognizes and supports exceptional PhD students who want to make their mark in promising and disruptive technologies. Students are matched with IBM mentors with common interests and are encouraged to intern at IBM.

Students must be nominated by a doctoral faculty member. Students are awarded a stipend for two academic years. The value of the fellowships will vary by region. Open to students enrolled full time in a PhD program.

**IBM goals:**
- Engage exceptional students interested in IBM technologies
- In 2018, the Fellowship Program is focusing on: **AI, Blockchain, Security, Quantum Computing**

**Nomination cycle begins in September.**

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**Open Collaborative Research**
The Open Collaborative Research Award Program supports strategically important research collaborations between IBM and top universities where open collaboration will accelerate innovation and benefit the world. This award promotes development of open source software, related industry standards and greater interoperability.

Averaging USD 100,000

**IBM goals:**
- Research on big ideas and challenges that advance a field or technology
- Study complex topics that require significant collaboration
- Provide results to the public via open source and open standards communities

These programs run continually throughout each calendar year.

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**Faculty Awards**
The Faculty Award Program supports collaboration between faculty and researchers with IBM employees in areas strategic to IBM.

Not to exceed USD 40,000

**IBM goals:**
- Stimulate growth in strategic and exploratory topics
- Support curriculum innovation in strategic disciplines
- Encourage adoption and advancement of emerging technologies, IBM platforms & communities

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**Shared University Research**
The Shared University Research Award Program promotes research, innovation and the building of partnerships and communities in strategic areas.

Can include monetary, cloud resources, equipment, services or software

**IBM goals:**
- Collaborative research projects that build partnerships/communities in strategic areas and bring value to IBM and the academic community
- Innovations that create big opportunities
- Increase access to IBM technologies for research and in curriculum

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