

Project STePS

An Opportunity for Doctoral Study at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The Department of Special Education at the University of Illinois is excited to announce a new doctoral training program. **Project STePS: Preparing Leaders in Special Education, Technology, Research, Policy, and Cultural, Linguistic, and Socioeconomic Diversity.** The project will prepare doctoral students to become leaders in our field who also have unique knowledge and expertise in the areas of (a) research methodologies, (b) law and policy, (c) supporting individuals with disabilities and families from culturally, linguistically, and socioeconomically diverse backgrounds, and (d) technology for instruction. The highly skilled scholars prepared through Project STePS will make significant contributions to the field of special education that will improve outcomes for individuals with disabilities (birth through 21 years) and their families.

Doctoral students will acquire competencies via intensive workshops, coursework, and a series of seminars. Students also will engage in experiential learning that includes:

- An Internship with an agency that serves individuals with disabilities and families
- Traineeships involving research and practice in law and policy, technology, and working with diverse families
- Teaching and supervision experiences with pre-service teachers

To be eligible for Project STePS applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Full-time students funded through Project STePS will receive:

- Competitive monthly stipends
- Tuition waiver
- A waiver of most university fees
- Generous research and conference travel allowances

Submit your application by 12/1/2018 for full consideration.

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