

Selecting students for the F-GAP program: FAQs

Q: There are several students whom I am thinking of nominating for the F-GAP program. How do I know whether they are suitable?

A: I am very glad you asked this question! And although the question of suitability is not an easy one to answer in a few words, there are four basic criteria:

1. The student must be graduating by the Spring or Summer of 2019 with either a BS or a Master's degree in a mathematical science and must have shown an interest in entering a graduate program in a mathematical science.
2. The student should, by the time they graduate, meet the entry requirements for at least one Alliance Master's program or Doctoral program. (Please visit <https://mathalliance.org/graduate-school-guidelines/> for information about entry requirements for our GPGs.)
3. The student should be an Alliance Scholar.
4. The student should be in our *target group*.

Q: I am afraid that your answer has raised more questions than it has answered! For example, what is your "target group?"

A: Here is a list of priorities when selecting F-GAP students:

1. The student is a US citizen or permanent resident who comes from an ethnic group that is underrepresented in the mathematical sciences. Traditionally, these are students who are African American, Latina/o - Hispanic, American Indian – Native American, Alaskan Native or Pacific Islander. *Please note that although the F-GAP program is generally limited to US citizens or permanent residents, exceptions may be made in the case of DACA students or certain other categories of undocumented students.* Please contact David Goldberg or Phil Kutzko (addresses below) to discuss individual cases.
2. The student is not a minority student but is a US citizen or permanent resident and
 - a. comes from an ethnic group, family and/or region that has had little prior experience with doctoral study in the mathematical sciences.
 - b. Meets all four basic criteria listed above but would be unlikely to pursue graduate study in a mathematical science without benefiting from the F-GAP program.

David and Phil will be happy to discuss individual cases with you!

Q: If the student is not now presently an Alliance Scholar, can I nominate them at the same time that I recommend them for F-GAP

A: Yes.

Q: May I recommend a student who meets the basic criteria listed above but is not now presently in school?

A: Yes!

Other questions? Please contact David Goldberg (goldberg@purdue.edu) or Phil Kutzko (philip-kutzko@uiowa.edu)