

# Syracuse University

## Jacob and Valentina Hursky Ukrainian Graduate Fellowship 2018-19

The Jacob and Valentina Hursky Ukrainian Graduate Fellowship award carries a stipend of **\$15,424**, which is funded through the Hursky endowment. As a condition of nominating an admitted applicant or current student for this award, the school/college agrees to provide the nominee, if ultimately selected as the Hursky Fellow, with a tuition scholarship that is sufficient to enable the fellow to maintain satisfactory progress toward the degree for the 2018-19 academic year. Students in multi-year programs may be considered for renewal; departments should make an inquiry early during the next awarding cycle for consideration.

If the student is in a dual program, tuition will be shared between colleges and financial aid will be charged per the RCM formula.

The Hursky Fellow recipient will be eligible to enroll in the student health insurance, and receive a subsidy toward the health insurance cost.

The fellowship is awarded to a full-time, matriculated/or admitted graduate student who meets the following criteria:

- Student must be of Ukrainian descent
- Enrolled in:
  - The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs,
  - The College of Arts and Sciences,
  - In the absence of a student enrolled in Maxwell or Arts & Sciences, other students can be considered if they meet the intent of the donor, and as long as they are of Ukrainian descent
  - Any Syracuse University graduate student whose area of study is the Ukraine or includes Ukrainian topics;
- Preference will be given to students whose study includes Ukrainian language and literature, Ukrainian linguistics, and or culture.

The student receiving the award will be known as a Hursky Fellow.

**Due Date for nominations is Friday, February 16, 2018.** *If there are insufficient nominations by the above date, the committee will accept late nominations.*

*See detailed instructions on next page.*

## **Nominating Procedures**

1. For **each new or returning student** nominated, the following materials must be submitted as a PDF via email to [gradawd@syr.edu](mailto:gradawd@syr.edu) with cc to Ellen Hobbs at [ejhobbs@syr.edu](mailto:ejhobbs@syr.edu) .

- Page 1: The completed nomination form (included with this mailing)
- Page 2: A ranked list of new students (only if there are multiple nominations)
- Page 3: A letter of endorsement from student's advisor or Department Chair, affirming the student's planned engagement in coursework, residence in Syracuse during the fellowship year, and expected date of completion of graduate study
  - provide any credentials that support the abilities of the nominee
- Page 4: Personal statement from new applicants. If a current student, statement from the student that summarizes the student's academic history, career goals, personal background, and reasons for applying for the Hursky Fellowship (based on the eligibility guidelines).

2. If an academic unit submits more than one nomination, the Dean, Department Chair, or Graduate Program Director **must** rank the nominees and write explanatory comments that provide a rationale for the relative rank for each student.

3. A Hursky Fellow can be considered for a second year renewal, depending on fund availability and the academic progress of the recipient. It is important that schools and colleges give careful attention to how they would fund subsequent years should funds not be available.

4. The stipend for this fund is from a restricted account and has limited income. This will be considered before making multiple awards.

Schedule:

<b>Feb 16, 2018*</b>	<b>Nomination materials must be submitted as a PDF via email attachment to <a href="mailto:gradawd@syr.edu">gradawd@syr.edu</a> by 5 p.m. Note: EMAIL Subject Line should read: Hursky Fellow</b>
<b>March 12, 2018</b>	Final recommendations made by the Fellowship Selection Committee
<b>March 16, 2018</b>	Graduate Awards notifies student and academic unit of award

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### **Professor Hursky's Biography**

Professor Jacob Hursky devoted his life to studying and teaching the culture and language of his roots. A native of Zoldaky, Ukraine, Dr. Hursky earned a master's degree in Ukrainian and Slavic Philology from the Ukrainian Free University in Munich, Germany, and master's and doctoral degrees in Slavic and Baltic Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. He came to Syracuse University in 1956 as an assistant professor in the former Slavic Languages and Literatures department and rose through the ranks to become a full professor in 1972. He became chairman of the department in 1976 and subsequently directed that program until 1989 following the creation of the Languages, Literatures and Linguistics department, after which he assumed emeritus status. He passed away in 1995.

Jacob Hursky went far beyond the call of professional duty. “He was the quintessential dedicated teacher. Students came first in every regard,” said one of Dr. Hursky's former students, Dr. Patricia Burak, who now directs the Lillian and Emanuel Slutzker Center for International Services at Syracuse University. “He was incredibly brilliant and could converse in about nine different languages. He loved the study of languages and gave tirelessly, even after he became ill.” Dr. Hursky also was the faculty advisor for the University's Ukrainian Club for more than 30 years and was actively involved in the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the United States and several other Ukrainian organizations.

### **Support the Jacob and Valentina Hursky Ukrainian Fund for Graduate Students**

The intent of this special graduate fund is to honor Dr. Hursky and assist students who share his love for the Ukrainian culture and language. Donations to the Jacob and Valentina Hursky Ukrainian Fund for Graduate Students will serve as a lasting memorial to Dr. Hursky and help realize his dream that the study of the Ukrainian culture and language continue at Syracuse University for many years to come. Donations to this fellowship fund may be made by contacting the Syracuse University Development Office <http://giving.syr.edu>