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# Nomination of Northwestern Mutual Data Science Institute Student Scholars

The Northwestern Mutual Data Science Institute (NM DSI) was established as a partnership between Northwestern Mutual, Marquette University and UWM “to advance Milwaukee as a national hub for technology, research, business, and talent development.” Marquette’s role in the partnership includes supporting students in the development of data science knowledge and data science research.

Funding to support graduate students engaged in data science education and research will be available in spring 2019 and summer 2019 terms. A panel of Marquette University faculty engaged in data science education and research will review the nominations for impact on the Northwestern Mutual Data Science Institute goals and make recommendations for support. Awards are expected to be made before December 15, 2018 and have a maximum value of $5,000 per semester ($3,500 for the summer term). Recipients of the support will be designated as Northwestern Mutual Data Science Institute Scholars.

We request faculty to nominate worthy students to receive support for the following:

* tuition credits that cover education in data science
* student employment that covers data science responsibilities on research projects

Tuition credits will be awarded upon successful completion of the specified coursework.

Nominations from faculty must include the following:

* for tuition credits, the identification of the specific courses
* for student employment, the identification of the specific data science responsibilities that the student will perform

If the nominated student is offered student employment, the nominating faculty member must be prepared to serve as the mentor and manager of the nominee.

A personal statement of purpose from the student must accompany the nomination. To be eligible, nominees must be current graduate students during the fall 2018 semester. Awards for student employment require that the student maintain student status. Nominations may come from Regular or Participating faculty.

Nomination forms are attached and available from [Thomas.Kaczmarek@marquette.edu](mailto:Thomas.Kaczmarek@marquette.edu)