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**SUNY-AGEP Laptop Lending Program**  
**University at Buffalo**

One of the aims of the NSF-funded “Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate” (AGEP) program is to facilitate the academic and professional development of underrepresented minority students enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs. To that end, **we are pleased to announce that through UB’s participation in the AGEP program we were able to secure ten (10) IBM Thinkpad T41 laptop computers for use by selected AGEP-eligible graduate students.** Purchased with AGEP grant funds, these computers are for the specific purpose of providing up-to-date computer technology required for course, research and dissertation-related work to AGEP-eligible doctoral students who do not have the financial means to purchase newer computers on their own. Any equipment purchased through the AGEP Program is, and legally must remain, the property of the Research Foundation of the State of New York/SUNY. Therefore, we will lend the laptops, on a year to year basis, to ten AGEP-eligible graduate students whose situations most merit the use of this technology.

Deserving AGEP-eligible students who will make optimal use of the Thinkpads may be nominated by their departments. The nominations will be evaluated by the members of the AGEP Advisory Group, and the computers will be awarded on a “most needed” basis. The nomination form follows.

Please note that for the purpose of our Laptop Lending Program, AGEP-eligible students are underrepresented minority graduate students pursuing doctoral degrees and subsequent academic careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

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