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Campuswide Graduate Recruitment Fellowships 2017

Graduate Division offers the following recruitment fellowships to entering graduate students:

A. Yearly Entering Diversity Fellowships
- Eugene Cota-Robles fellowship (PhD only)
- Graduate Opportunity Fellowship (PhD & MFA)

B. Top-off Fellowships
- UC Irvine Diversity Recruitment Fellowship (PhD & MFA)
- Graduate Dean's Recruitment Fellowship (PhD & MFA)

C. Academic Merit Fellowships
- Graduate LEAD Fellowship (PhD & MFA)
- Provost PhD Fellowship (PhD only)

D. Nevin Graduate Endowment Fellowship (PhD & MFA)

New for 2017: Nominees for all fellowships must be interviewed during the admissions process by a faculty member (email not accepted)

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Yearly Entering Diversity Fellowships

Diversity Definition: Nominees must demonstrate experience of situations or conditions that were an impediment to advancing to graduate study, such as socioeconomic or educational limitations, the absence of a family member who attended college, matriculation in a school with poor financial or curricular support, having a physical or learning disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or working long hours while attending school. Contributions to diversity will also be considered.

Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship (ECR)

The Eugene Cota-Robles (ECR) fellowship is the most prestigious diversity fellowship offered at UC Irvine

- The ECR fellowship includes four years of guaranteed funding, years 1 and 4 from the Graduate Division and years 2, 3 and 5 from the program
- Graduate Division will provide a stipend of $25,000 plus tuition and fees for fellowship years 1 and 4, as well as non-resident supplemental tuition for year 1
- ECR awards require the department to supplement the fellowship by providing:
    - $3,000 minimum stipend for the four summers between years 1-5
    - $5,000 stipend for participation in the Competitive Edge program during summer 2017
    - Stipend plus tuition support during years 2, 3 and 5
    - Recipients may also be funded by the department during years 1 and 4 by the following: block funds and/or GSR/GSAR appointment at </= 24%; (>/=25% by exception only). TA appointments will be considered by exception only, and only at </= 24%. Exceptions must be approved by the Graduate Dean.
- Nominee must indicate an interest in an academic career in teaching and research
- Nominee must be a US Citizen, Permanent Resident or AB540 eligible
- Nominee needs a minimum 3.0 cumulative undergraduate and master's GPA (if applicable)
- Complete and submit the nomination form and submit all supplemental materials to fellowships@exchange.uci.edu.
- Nomination deadline: February 21, 2017 12:00 PM.
- For more information please visit the website: http://www.grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/diversity/ECR.html

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Graduate Opportunity Fellowship (GOF)

The Graduate Opportunity Fellowship (GOF) is used to provide support for graduate students pursing the MFA or PhD who contribute to the diversity of the institution

- PhD
  - The GOF fellowship will cover all costs for the student fellow to participate in the Competitive Edge Summer Program during the summer prior to year 1, including a $5,000 stipend and summer UC SHIP
  - The student's program provides 5 years of support (e.g., from TA/GSR funding), plus $3,000 of summer support after year 1
  - The Graduate Division provides $3,000 summer stipends the summer's after years 2-4
- MFA
  - The GOF Fellowship will include a stipend of $21,600 plus tuition and fees during year 1
  - GOF awards require the department to supplement the fellowship at a minimum of 20% ($4,320) of the value of the stipend
    - The supplement shall come from block funds and/or GSR appointment at </= 24%; (>/=25% by exception only). TA appointments will be considered by exception only, and only at </= 24%. Exceptions must be approved by the Graduate Dean.
  - Non-resident tuition is not covered
  - The department is required to fund the student during year 2 and 3 (if a three year program)
- Nominee needs a minimum 3.0 cumulative undergraduate and Master's (if applicable) GPA.
- Nominee needs to be a US Citizen, Permanent Resident or AB540 eligible
- Complete and submit the nomination form and submit all supplemental materials to fellowships@exhange.uci.edu
- Nomination deadline: February 21, 2017 12:00 PM
- For more information please visit the website: http://www.grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/diversity/GOF.html

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Top-off Fellowships

UC Irvine Diversity Recruitment Fellowship (DRF)

The UC Irvine Diversity Recruitment Fellowship program is designed to supplement financial support packages of admitted doctoral and MFA diversity students

- Each award will be up to $5,000 to top-off their original award and will be paid in one quarter of the student's first year (AY 17-18, summer 2017 for Competitive Edge participation only)
    - Programs are encouraged to provide matching funds
- This award **does not** require a competing offer
- Nominee needs to be a US Citizen, Permanent Resident or AB540 eligible
- Complete and submit the nomination form outlining how the prospective student would improve the quality and diversity of our student population (and/or your specific program), and why you believe that this fellowship will help recruit the student
- Along with the completed nomination form, please submit a scanned copy of the student's application (copy of the application from DAVAD, letters of recommendation, ACR cover page and a copy of the original admission and financial offer letter from the nominator's program), and any other relevant supporting documents
- Submit completed applications to fellowships@exchange.uci.edu
- Nominations will be accepted up until funding allocated to the program has been exhausted For more information please visit the website: http://www.grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/diversity/Diversity_Recruitment_Fellowship.html

Graduate Dean's Recruitment Fellowship (GDRF)

The Graduate Dean's Recruitment Fellowship program is designed to supplement financial support packages of prospective doctoral and M.F.A. students who have competing offers from equivalent institutions/programs

- Each award will be up to $5,000 to top-off their original award and will be paid in one quarter of the student's first year (AY 17-18, summer 2017 for Competitive Edge participation only if DRF funds have all been used)
    - Programs are encouraged to provide matching funds
- This fellowship **does** require a competing offer
- Complete and submit the nomination form outlining the prospective student's competing offer(s) and how the student would improve the quality and diversity of our student population, and why you believe that this fellowship will help recruit the student
- Along with the completed nomination form, please submit a scanned copy of the student's application (copy of the application from DAVAD, letters of recommendation, ACR cover page and a copy of the original admission and financial offer letters from the nominators program), copy of the competing financial offer(s) and any other relevant supporting documents
- Submit completed applications to fellowships@exchange.uci.edu
- Nominations will be accepted up until funding allocated to the program has been exhausted
- For more information please visit the website: http://www.grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/internal/graduate-deans-recruitment.php

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Academic Merit Fellowships: Provost PhD and Graduate LEAD

The intention of the Academic Merit Fellowships (Provost PhD and Graduate LEAD Fellowships) is to recruit the best and brightest students to UC Irvine. These fellowships will be awarded on a rigorous, competitive bases. Only the top 5% of admitted students are expected to receive this award.

Provost PhD Fellowship

The Provost PhD fellowship is $20,000 and is intended to supplement the department's current financial package to recruit the top PhD students. 60 Provost PhD fellowships will be awarded with the goal of recruiting 30 fellows.

Graduate LEAD Fellowship

The donor-funded Graduate LEAD is $25,000 and is designed to supplement financial support packages for top prospective doctoral and M.F.A. students. Nominees are required to have a competing offer from a top institution in order to be eligible.

Eligibility and Award Info	Provost PhD	Graduate LEAD
Award amount	$20,000	$25,000
Admitted to a PhD or MFA	PhD only	PhD or MFA
Minimum cumulative GPA* (overall undergraduate or master's if applicable)	3.7 on the 4.0 scale	3.7 on the 4.0 scale
Must be offered 5 years of funding, or 4 if they already have a master's degree	YES	YES
Not yet submitted an SIR at time of award	YES	YES
Nominee may be a domestic or international student	YES	YES
Requires a competing offer from other top university	NO	YES
Nominee must be interviewed during admissions process by a faculty member (Email not accepted)	YES	YES

*Convert to 4.0 scale if degree awarded is from an International university

Nomination and Submission Process

The nominating program must provide each of the following documents in the order below as part of the application for both the Provost PhD and Graduate LEAD fellowships:

- Completed nomination form, which includes basic information, interview confirmation, and a proposed plan of disbursal of the fellowship to the student in increments of $5,000 per quarter at any time during the student's academic career. For Graduate LEAD nominations, you will also need to describe the competing offer from the other universities.
- A copy of the original admission and financial offer letter from the nominator's program

- Letter of support from a faculty nominator (see website for information on what should be included in this letter)
- A copy of the student's application from DAVAD, including the three letters of recommendation with the rankings cover page
- A copy of the student's transcript(s)
- For Graduate LEAD nominations, include a copy of the admission and financial offer letter from the competing institution(s)

Scan the completed nomination packet and save file with "name of fellowship_last name of student_student ID". Example: Provost_Gillman_12345678 or LEAD_Gillman_12345678. Email nominations to fellowships@exchange.uci.edu and copy jason.cruz@uci.edu. The subject line should be the same as the file name.

DEADLINES: **January 30th at 12pm**
February 13th at 12pm
February 27th at 12pm

A standing faculty review committee will review the applications and make award recommendations. Notifications of the awardees will be sent out approximately two weeks after each deadline.

For more information please visit the website: http://www.grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/internal/Provost_PhD_Fellowship.html

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Nevin Graduate Endowment Fellowship

- The Nevin Graduate Endowment fellowship program is designed to facilitate the recruitment of the best and brightest diversity Ph.D. and M.F.A. students to UC Irvine. The fellowship supplements and enhances financial support packages, and is open to students in all disciplines except for those that do research on animals.
- The campus will award up to $50,000 in funding in increments of $5,000 per quarter after matriculation.
- This fellowship **does** require a competing offer
- Nominee needs to be a US Citizen, Permanent Resident or AB540 eligible
- Per the request of the donor, nominee may not "...be involved in research in which animals are utilized in [any] way as test subjects"
- Complete and submit the nomination form outlining the prospective student's competing offer(s), and how the student would improve the diversity of our student population (and/or your specific program), and why you believe that this fellowship will help recruit the student. This justification should scale up with the size of the award that you are requesting for a given nominee
- Departments are encouraged to put forth students who come from Minority Serving Institutions (HSI, HBCU, Tribal Colleges)
- Along with the completed nomination form, please submit a scanned copy of the student's application (copy of the application from DAVAD, letters of recommendation, ACR cover page and a copy of the original admission and financial offer letters from the nominators program), a copy of the original admission offer letter from the competing institution, and any other relevant supporting documents
- Nominations will be accepted up until funding allocated to the program has been exhausted. They will be reviewed on a rolling basis as applications come in.
- Submit completed applications to fellowships@exchange.uci.edu
- For more information please visit the website: http://grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/diversity/Nevin.html

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Fellowship Name	Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship	Graduate Opportunity Fellowship	Diversity Recruitment Fellowship	Graduate Dean's Recruitment Fellowship	Graduate LEAD Fellowship	Provost PhD Fellowship	Nevin Fellowship
Degree Type	PhD	PhD/MFA	PhD/MFA	PhD/MFA	PhD/MFA	PhD	PhD/MFA
Applicant Eligibility	**3.0 Cum GPA, Diversity**	**3.0 Cum GPA, Diversity**	**3.0 Cum GPA, Diversity**	**3.0 Cum GPA**	**≥ 3.7Cum GPA**	**≥ 3.7Cum GPA**	**3.0 Cum GPA, Diversity**
Interview required	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Citizenship	US Citizen, Permanent Resident, AB540	US Citizen, Permanent Resident, AB540	US Citizen, Permanent Resident, AB540	N/A	N/A	N/A	US Citizen, Permanent Resident, AB540
Competing Offer	None Required	None Required	None Required	**Required**	**Required**	None Required	**Required**
Amount	Non-resident tuition; $25,000 stipend & tuition/fees for year 1 & 4	Varies depending on degree type: see handout	$5,000 addition to original award	$5,000 addition to original award	$25,000 addition to original award	$20,000 addition to original award	Up to $50,000 in increments of $5,000
Department Matching	**Yes: see handout**	**Yes: see handout**	Encouraged	Encouraged	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nomination Deadline	February 21, 2017 12pm	February 21, 2017 12pm	Until funds are exhausted	Until funds are exhausted	Jan 30, 2017 Feb 13, 2017 Feb 27, 2017 (Deadline is 12pm on each day)	Jan 30, 2017 Feb 13, 2017 Feb 27, 2017 (Deadline is 12pm on each day)	Until funds are exhausted

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