



Chancellor's Club Fund for Excellence Fellowships

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, October 18th, 2019 at 12pm (noon)

The Graduate Division is pleased to announce the AY 2019-2020 competition for the Chancellor's Club Fund for Excellence Fellowships. All Schools are invited to submit a maximum of two nominations.

Chancellor's Club Fellowships are intended to recognize our most academically superior doctoral and MFA students — those who exhibit outstanding promise as scholars, researchers, and public leaders. **Please note, nominated students must be first-generation college students, with neither parent having received a four-year degree.**

Award Amount

Each Chancellor's Club Fellowship recipient will be awarded a six-month stipend to total \$12,000 for the period of January 2020 through June 2020. **These fellowships do not include tuition and fees. Awardees' Schools will be expected to cover the cost of the tuition and fees for Winter 2020 and Spring 2020.**

Applicant Qualifications

Nominees must meet the following minimum criteria:

1. Plan to complete their Ph.D. or MFA degree by the end of fall quarter 2020
2. Have a minimum graduate-level UCI GPA of 3.7
3. If a doctoral student, be advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. by October 18, 2019
4. Demonstrate financial need
5. Be willing to present their dissertation research at a Chancellor's Club dinner or other function
6. Exhibit excellent interpersonal and leadership abilities
7. Be a first-generation college student, with neither parent having received a four-year degree

Stipulations:

- Students receiving this award are required to file all final degree paperwork by the end of fall quarter 2020. **Award funds will be returned by the school to Graduate Division if the student does not meet this requirement.**
- The faculty advisor's letter of recommendation should include the student's expected graduation date and express the advisor's level of confidence in the student's ability to complete as planned.
- If students have applied for and accepted Financial Aid loans or Work-Study awards and subsequently receive any fellowships, the additional support may affect their eligibility for need-based financial aid. Students should contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to determine if their eligibility will



be affected. Students should also review the terms of any funding that they have accepted for AY 2019-2020 to ensure that they are eligible to receive additional fellowship funding.

- Awardees **may not** be appointed as ASEs during the award period, but may be appointed as GSRs.

Nomination Process

Your school is asked to collect nominations and forward the two most promising nominees, based on merit and student need. Nominations will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Demonstration of financial need
- Evidence of strong communication skills
- Demonstration of leadership ability
- Academic achievements and promise
- Likelihood of degree completion by the end of fall quarter 2020

All nomination packages should include the following:

- A completed Chancellor's Club Fellowship Nomination Form
- A completed Chancellor's Club Student Information Form, including the financial need, student profile, and student research sections
- The student's current curriculum vitae
- A confidential letter of recommendation from the faculty advisor/mentor including the student's planned term of graduation and expressing the advisor's level of confidence in the student's ability to complete as planned

Deadline for Submission

All nomination materials must be received by the Graduate Division no later than **Friday, October 18th, 2019 at 12:00pm (noon)**. Please send a completed/signed nomination PDF of each nominee's materials to Turner Dahl at tdahl@uci.edu. Questions about this fellowship program may be directed to Turner via e-mail or by calling x4-0490.