

## DECADE Professional Development Award

DECADE (Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience) aims to enhance the climate for equity and inclusion of doctoral students at UC Irvine. To accomplish this, the Graduate Division and UCI ADVANCE have partnered to deliver a multifaceted program that involves faculty, students and administration in collaborative efforts to foster equity, access and inclusion. To this end, the DECADE Professional Development Award will provide funds in support of attendance to conferences and events that offer professional development opportunities for students who demonstrate a commitment to inclusive excellence.

### AWARDS

*For the 2020-2021 academic year, only virtual conferences and virtual professional development events will be considered for funding.*

Awards of **up to \$500** are available to eligible MFA and doctoral students. Students may be awarded funding through this program only **ONCE** per year. Please note that the average award will be made in the \$250 range and the award may only be used towards professional development events and expenses such as professional conferences, trainings and webinars.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be considered eligible for a DECADE Professional Development Award, students must:

- Be in good academic standing
- Be enrolled full-time in a doctoral or MFA program at UCI at the time of application.
- Be actively participating in programmatic activities and/or initiatives that support inclusive excellence.
- Application must be received 30 days before the first day of the event.
- Request for funding must be received by June 5, 2021.
- Retroactive funding will not be considered.

### REVIEW CRITERIA

Final approval is provided by the DECADE Coordinator and is based on the following criteria:

- Completed application meets eligibility requirements
- Appropriateness of estimated budget and expenses to attend the professional development event.
- Abstract submitted to the conference, if applicable.
- Support from student's research advisor, as demonstrated by approval signature on application form.
- Support from a DECADE Leadership Member (i.e. DECADE Mentor, Equity Advisor, DECADE Coordinator verifying participation in activities/initiatives that support inclusive excellence such as DECADE).

**NOTE:** Submit completed applications to [diversity@rgs.uci.edu](mailto:diversity@rgs.uci.edu) and CC: [DECADE@uci.edu](mailto:DECADE@uci.edu)

If you have additional questions regarding the DECADE Student Travel Award, please contact:

Claudia Campos - [cfcampos@uci.edu](mailto:cfcampos@uci.edu)

**Student Information**

Student Name:

Date:

Academic Program:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email:

**Event Information**

Provide logistical information for the professional development event you would like to participate in.

Event Name:

Date(s) event is occurring:

**Please respond to the following if you will be attending a virtual conference:**

Presenting Research:  Yes  No

Abstract submitted:  Yes  No If no, Abstract Due Date:

Abstract accepted:  Yes  No

If no, Expected Date Abstract will be Accepted:

**Faculty Advisor Approval**

The faculty advisor approves of this student's intent to participate in the professional development event named above.

Faculty Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty Advisor Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**DECADE Leadership Approval**

As a DECADE mentor, Equity Advisor or DECADE Coordinator, I acknowledge that this student has been an active participant in programming/initiatives that support inclusive excellence such as DECADE and fully support their application for a DECADE Professional Development Award.

DECADE Mentor/ Equity Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

DECADE Mentor/ Equity Advisor/DECADE Coordinator Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Requested Award Amount**

Provide an estimated budget for all expenses you would like to be considered for reimbursement. (Total expenses may not exceed \$500)

Registration Costs: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Rationale**

Write a short rationale stating the main reason(s) for participating in the professional development event, including how the event will enhance your professional career:

**Supporting Inclusive Excellence**

Write a short statement of how you have been involved with programming/ initiatives that support inclusive excellence such as DECADE.