Chancellor’s Club Fund for Excellence Fellowships

The Graduate Division is pleased to announce the AY 2022-2023 competition for the Chancellor’s Club Fund for Excellence Fellowships. All Schools are invited to submit one nomination each.

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 2023 through June 2023. These fellowships do not include tuition and fees. Awardees’ Schools will be expected to cover the cost of the tuition and fees for Winter 2023 and Spring 2023.

Submission Deadline: Monday, October 31, 2022 by 5pm

All nomination materials must be received by the Graduate Division no later than Monday, October 31, 2022 by 5pm. Please send a completed/signed nomination PDF of each nominee’s materials to Turner Dahl at tdahl@uci.edu. Students should consult with their program’s graduate affairs staff member, as many programs and Schools set earlier internal review deadlines.

Eligibility Criteria

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

1. Plan to complete their Ph.D. or MFA degree by the end of Fall quarter 2023
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 31, 2022
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 2023. 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 2022-2023 to ensure that they are eligible to receive additional fellowship funding.
- Awardees Schools will be expected to cover the cost of the tuition and fees for Winter 2023 and Spring 2023.

**CHANGES TO BE AWARE OF FOR 2022-23**
- Awardees may hold an ASE appointment or GSR position while receiving this award.

**Nomination Process**

Your school is asked to collect nominations and forward the one most promising nominee, 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 2023

**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

**Contact**

Questions should be directed to Turner Dahl at tdahl@uci.edu.