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President's Dissertation Year Fellowship

The President's Dissertation Year (PDY) Fellowship is intended for students in their final year of graduate study, who are planning to pursue teaching and research appointments soon after their dissertation fellowship year. This award assists graduate students with the completion of their dissertation and enhances their qualifications as candidates for university faculty teaching and research appointments by providing professional opportunities needed to successfully obtain a faculty appointment.

Submission Deadline: Friday, April 7, 2023 at 5:00PM PST

The deadline for Schools to submit nominations to the Graduate Division is Friday, April 7, 2023 by 5:00pm PST. Late or incomplete nomination packets will not be reviewed. Students should check with their academic program for internal deadlines and submit a complete PDY Student Application Form to their department. **All Schools, including those in the College of Health Sciences and the Program in Public Health, are invited to nominate their top two candidates.**

Award Information

The funding package includes:

- Fellows receive one year of fellowship support paid directly by the Graduate Division, including a yearly stipend of \$29,400 (paid over a nine-month period, Oct. 1 to June 1) and full resident tuition and fees.
 - Graduate programs also provide fellows a supplement to the fellowship (minimum 16%: \$4,600) paid over a nine-month period, Oct. 1 to June 1.
- \$500 academic travel stipend.
- **Please note:**
 - Fellows are prohibited from being employed as a TA or GSR during the term of this fellowship. GSR employment may not exceed 24% time without exceptional approval
 - Non-resident tuition is NOT covered by this fellowship award.

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 review the terms of any funding that they have accepted for the 2023-2024 academic year to ensure that they are eligible to receive additional fellowship funding.

Eligibility

- Nominees must be current UCI Ph.D. students who are in their last year of graduate study and who have advanced to candidacy by Fall 2023.
- Nominees must be U.S. Citizens, Permanent Residents or AB540 status.

- Nominees must be able to file their dissertation by the summer dissertation filing deadline at the end of the award year (Summer 2024). Financial penalties will be imposed on the program/school if fellows do not file their dissertation by the summer filing deadline at the end of the award year.
- Nominees may not be past their academic program's maximum time-to-degree.
- Nominees must not have previously received dissertation funding from any source in support of a final dissertation year, or during the tenure of this award.
- Fellows are required to participate in the President's Dissertation Year Conference hosted by University of California's Office of the President. Traditionally, the conference is held in Northern California during the fall of the award year; however, the time of year and location are subject to change. Faculty mentors are strongly encouraged to attend.
- Fellows are required to present a seminar on their dissertation research twice during the award period.

Nominees must qualify as a diversity student as defined by the [University of California](#) and demonstrate experience of situations or conditions which 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 or working long hours while attending school.

Forms

- [PDY Student Application Form](#)
- [PDY Department Nomination Form](#)
- [PDY School Nomination Form](#)

Application Process

Schools are asked to set internal deadlines and collect the student applications accordingly. Based on merit, schools will then forward nominations of the students to the Graduate Division by Friday, April 7, 2023 at 5pm.

Students must submit the [PDY Student Application Form](#) electronically to the department, along with the following in a single PDF:

- Personal Statement
 - Please include a brief Statement of intent from the student regarding career objectives
- Dissertation Prospectus (max 4 pages, double spaced), which is a timeline for the completion of your dissertation
 - Provide a brief introduction of your dissertation project
 - Provide a summary for each of your dissertation chapters. Include dates of completion and/or prospective completion dates, and plans for completing unfinished chapters.
 - Include a plan for completing the writing and submitting of your dissertation to your committee for review, and when you plan to defend
- Seminars: a list of proposed seminars (minimum of two) in which the student will present his/her research during the dissertation year
- Funding: a detailed listing of all funding/support received by student
- Mentoring Plan that includes a timeline of expected progress for completion of the dissertation (this should be co-written by both the student and advisor)
- Student curriculum vitae (CV)
- Unofficial Transcripts including Winter Quarter 2023 grades (if applicable)
 - If unofficial grades are not included for Winter Quarter 2023, Graduate Division will review upon availability of grades to verify student still meets the necessary academic requirements
- Student Curriculum Vitae

Departments: Complete the [PDY Department Nomination Form](#) and include it with the following materials in a single PDF:

- Completed PDY Student Application Form
- Student Application Materials

- Dissertation advisor letter of recommendation

Save this new PDF file and forward nomination packages to your school for ranking, cover letter and signature.

Schools must submit completed documentation for the **top two** school nominees using the [PDY School Nomination Form](#). Please be sure to include:

- Cover Letter from Associate Dean with rationale for the school's nominee(s)
- PDF nomination packet for each student the school is nominating

Contact

E-Mail: Fellowships@exchange.uci.edu

Before this fellowship is awarded, we will be checking Winter grades to make sure the awardee(s) is/are in good academic standing. Prospective awardees not in good academic standing risk being removed from consideration of fellowship disbursement.