

# Graduate Scholar Success Fund

## Overview

The Graduate Division is pleased to announce the inaugural competition for the Graduate Scholar Success Fund for the 2023-2024 academic year. This scholarship is meant to provide support to graduate students who are first generation and demonstrate a clear financial need.

## Award Information

This award consists of a \$1,500 stipend which may be received during Winter 2024 or Spring 2024.

## Submission Deadline: October 20, 2023

*Please note that Schools and Departments typically have earlier internal deadlines for fellowship submissions. Please contact your School or Department for details.*

## Eligibility Criteria

All Schools are invited to nominate **one** outstanding graduate student who meets the following minimum criteria:

1. Have a minimum graduate-level UCI GPA of 3.7
2. Demonstrate financial need
3. Exhibit excellent interpersonal and leadership abilities
4. Be a first-generation college student, with neither parent having received a four-year degree

## Nomination Process

**Each School's package should be submitted by the School's Associate Dean and must include:**

- A completed [Graduate Scholar Success Fund School Nomination Form](#)
- A completed [Graduate Scholar Success Fund 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

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

## Stipulations

- 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 2023-2024 to ensure that they are eligible to receive additional fellowship funding.

- Please note that tuition and fees are not included in these fellowships. The awardees' Schools are expected to cover tuition and fees during the award period

## **Contact**

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