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Google PhD Fellowship Program

Google PhD Fellowship students are a select group recognized by Google researchers and their institutions as some of the most promising young academics in the world. The Fellowships are awarded to students who represent the future of research in the following fields:

- [Algorithms and Theory](#)
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- [Machine Intelligence](#)
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- [Security, Privacy and Abuse Prevention](#)
- [Software Engineering](#)
- [Software Systems](#)
- [Speech Processing](#)
- Other areas listed in application forms during application window

For more information, visit the [Google PhD fellowship program](#) website

Award Amount.

- Up to 2 year Fellowship (effective from 2024 for new recipients)
- Full tuition and fees (enrollment fees, health insurance, books) plus a stipend to be used for living expenses, travel and personal equipment
- Google Research Mentor

Important Dates

UCI Application Open: March 8, 2024
UCI Internal Deadline: April 8, 2024
Google Deadline: May 8, 2024

Eligibility Criteria

- Students must remain enrolled full-time in the PhD program for the duration of the Fellowship or forfeit the award.
- Google employees, and their spouses, children, and members of their household are not eligible.
- Students that are already supported by a comparable industry award are not eligible. Government or non-profit organization funding is exempt.
- Past awardees from the PhD Fellowship program are not eligible to apply again.
- Students will have completed graduate coursework in their PhD by the academic award year when the Fellowship begins (fellowships are effective the in the following school year)

- Students must be in at least their 3rd year of a PhD program by the fall semester or quarter of the year when the Fellowship begins. The nominating university will be asked to confirm the student's PhD program start date.

Application Process

UC Irvine Graduate Division may nominate up to four eligible students. We encourage students with diverse backgrounds especially those from historically marginalized groups in the field of computing. **Students may apply directly to the Graduate Division here:** <https://uci.questionpro.com/t/AaSycZ1wV6>

The application will ask for the following materials. Upload them to the application form as PDFs and be mindful of the word counts.

1. [Cover sheet](#) signed by the Department Chair confirming the student passes eligibility requirements.
2. Student CV with links to website and publications (if available)
3. Short (**1-page**) CV of the student's primary advisor
4. 2-3 letters of recommendation from those familiar with the nominee's work (at least one from the thesis advisor).
5. Research / dissertation proposal (**maximum 3 pages, excluding references**)
6. Student essay response (**350-word limit**) to: Describe the desired impact your research will make on the field and society, and why this is important to you. Include any personal, educational and/or professional experiences that have motivated your research interests.
7. Student essay response (**350-word limit**) to: Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes or contributed to group efforts over time. (A leadership role can mean more than just a title. It can mean being a mentor to others, acting as the person in charge of a specific task, or taking the lead role in organizing an event or project. Think about what you accomplished and what you learned from the experience. What were your responsibilities? Did you lead a team? How did your experience change your perspective on leading others? Did you help to resolve an important dispute at your school, church, in your community or an organization? And your leadership role doesn't necessarily have to be limited to school activities. For example, do you help out or take care of your family?)
8. Transcripts of current and previous academic records

Note: The review committee advises that proposals are more successful in the review process when the advisor takes an active role in reviewing and editing the proposal.

Forms

[Application Form](#)

[Cover Sheet confirming Eligibility Requirements](#)

[Letter of Recommendation – Direct Submission Form](#)

Contact

Internal UCI questions should be directed to Turner Dahl at tdahl@uci.edu. Additionally, questions can be sent directly to Google: phdfellowship@google.com