

President's Dissertation Year Fellowship

Deadline: March 15th at 12pm to your Graduate Coordinator

The President's Dissertation Year Fellowship is designed for students in the last year of their graduate study, intending to pursue teaching and research appointments soon after completing their dissertation fellowship year. This fellowship aids graduate students in finalizing their dissertations and improves their qualifications as potential candidates for university faculty teaching and research positions by offering the necessary professional opportunities to secure a faculty appointment.

Award Amount

- Fellows receive one year of fellowship support paid directly by the Graduate Division, including a yearly stipend of \$30,000 (paid over a nine-month period, October 1 to June 1) and full resident tuition fees
 - Graduate programs also provide fellows a supplement to the fellowship (minimum: \$7,000)
 - Although it is not advised to seek employment during the fellowship period, it is permitted. If you opt to work during any quarter of your fellowship and your employment package includes remission benefits, these benefits will apply to your tuition and fees. However, you are not eligible to receive a fee fellowship in addition to employment remission benefits as part of this fellowship from the Graduate Division.
- \$500 academic travel stipend
- Please note:
 - Non-resident tuition is NOT covered by this fellowship award
 - If students have applied for and accepted Financial Aid 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 they accepted to ensure they are eligible for additional fellowship funding.

Eligibility Criteria

- 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 2024

- Nominees must be U.S. Citizens, Permanent Residents, or AB540 status (international students are not eligible for this fellowship)
- Nominees must be able to file their dissertation by the summer dissertation filing deadline at the end of the award year (Summer 2025). 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 must not be past their academic program's maximum time-to-degree at the time of nomination or during the award tenure.
- 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. If awarded this fellowship, fellows will no longer be eligible for Graduate Division funding.
- Nominees must qualify as a diversity student as defined by the [University of California](#) and demonstrate experience of situations or conditions which impeded advancing to graduate study, such as socioeconomic or education limitations, the absence of 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.
- Fellows are required to participate in the President's Dissertation Year conference hosted by the University of California's Office of the President. Traditionally, this conference is held in Northern California during the fall of the award year (Fall 2024); 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

Application Materials

- [PDY Student Application Form](#)
- 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 their research during the dissertation year
- Funding
 - A detailed list of all funding/support received by the student

- Mentoring plan
 - Includes a timeline of expected progress for completion of the dissertation
 - This should be co-written by student and advisor
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Unofficial transcripts
 - Note: Grades for Winter will be reviewed to verify the student still meets the necessary academic requirement

Apply

Please submit your application materials to your Graduate Coordinator by **March 15th at 12pm.**

Contact

For questions, contact fellowships@exchange.uci.edu.