

# 2009-2010 GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & AWARD INFORMATION

## I. DEADLINES

JANUARY 15, 2009	Fellowship applications from <i>entering</i> and <i>continuing</i> students through Embark.
FEBRUARY 6, 2009	Graduate Programs forward nominations for <i>entering</i> and <i>continuing</i> students to Graduate Studies through GARD.
MARCH 10, 2009	The Office of Graduate Studies begins sending offer letters to students; copies are sent to graduate programs.
APRIL 15, 2009	Final date for students to accept or decline fellowship award offers, in writing.

**For deadlines that do not fall on a business day, the deadline will be extended to the following business day.**

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## II. GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIPS

Awards are a mark of honor, primarily on the basis of scholarship and promise of outstanding academic and professional contribution. In evaluating applications, consideration is given to the extent and quality of previous undergraduate and graduate work, evidence of ability in research or other creative accomplishment, evidence of intellectual capacity, and promise of productive scholarship. Items to be included in this evaluation are: graduate grade-point average (GPA), academic transcripts, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores (for entering students only), statement of purpose, personal history statement, letters of recommendation, and other documentation such as publications and awards. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in order to be considered for fellowships.

### Research and Travel

Students who receive Research or Travel awards will have their funds transferred to their graduate program. Students are responsible for submitting receipts to their programs for all allowable expenses in accordance with Policy and Procedure Manual (P&PM) sections referenced below.

- a) Research funds may be used only for specific needs vital to the success of the research. Allowable supplies and expenses may include laboratory supplies, office supplies, photocopying, equipment, etc. UC Davis P&PM 350-21 Departmental Purchase Delegations.  
<http://manuals.ucdavis.edu/ppm/350/350-21.htm>
- b) Travel funds may be used for transportation expenses, registration, incidentals, meals, lodging, etc., in accordance with P&PM Section 300-10 Travel Policies and Regulations.  
<http://manuals.ucdavis.edu/ppm/contents.htm#300>

### Financial Need

Financial need or the availability of other sources of support in the program is not relevant to the evaluation of academic merit. However, financial need may be an additional criterion for some fellowships. Financial need is a component of the eligibility criteria for all forms of financial aid (including work study).

**NOTE: Graduate students who are U.S. citizens, permanent residents or immigrants are required to file a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*, or a renewal, as early as possible, but no later than March 2, 2009.** This form, submitted directly to the Federal Student Aid Program Office, is used to determine financial need. The FAFSA may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office, graduate program office, any U.S. institution of higher education, or from the U.S. Department of Education Student Financial Assistance Web site at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

### III. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

All students must submit a 2009-2010 Internal Fellowship Application to be considered for fellowships. Students indicate their interest in being considered for nomination by checking all fellowships for which they are eligible and by explaining how they are eligible for each of the fellowships.

All applications must have a statement of purpose and personal history statement. The statement of purpose and personal history statement for admissions will be used to support fellowship applications for NEW STUDENTS ONLY.

**New Students are required to submit GRE Scores** – Applicants are required to submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test scores and are urged to submit the subject test score in the appropriate field. The GRE must be taken no later than the December test date for the scores to reach your proposed graduate program office in time for the fellowship competition. Applicants who do not take the GRE by the December test date **will not** be considered for fellowships. Have the Educational Testing Service (ETS) send your GRE scores to your proposed graduate program. Specify the UC Davis institution code (4834) and the department code found in the GRE booklet.

**Exception:** Applicants for the M.F.A. degree in Art, Dramatic Art, or Design **are not** required to submit GRE scores for fellowship applications.

**All applicants must submit three Letters of Recommendation** – Students should have their referees submit letters **DIRECTLY** through Embark. If the recommender requires that the student waive access to this letter, the *Waiver of Access* form has also been provided.

All students must submit copies of their transcripts. Programs do not need to submit original, official, transcripts to be scanned. Copies of a university registrar transcript are acceptable. Printed reports from the UC Davis Student Information System (SISWEB) cannot be accepted.

**Unless identified as being only open to U.S. citizens, immigrants, or permanent residents these fellowships are available to international students.**

The Graduate Council's Committee on Support and Welfare reviews most nominations.

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### IV. PROGRAM REVIEW AND NOMINATIONS

1. The graduate program fellowship committee will nominate and rank entering and continuing students in one combined list. Graduate programs need to schedule their fellowship committee meetings well in advance and as close to the program deadline as possible to ensure the committees have sufficient time to review the applications.
  2. To be considered for these fellowships/scholarships, applicants must be nominated by their graduate programs. Graduate programs will review the applications to assure completeness and student eligibility. The criteria for eligibility for the fellowships start on the next page.
  3. Nominations are submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies according to the eligibility instructions and by use of GARD.
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## V. FELLOWSHIPS TO SUPPORT CAMPUS DIVERSITY

The Dean of Graduate Studies at the University of California, Davis, is committed to improving the quality and diversity of the student body, as the campus responds to the changing population and educational needs of California and the nation. The Academic Career Development Program (ACDP) is designed to facilitate the academic career development of students who show potential to become excellent faculty or researchers in institutions of higher education, as well as to foster multi-faceted diversity in graduate education at the University of California. Since diversity is critical to promoting lively intellectual exchange and the variety of ideas and perspectives essential to advanced research, and because graduate students form the pool of future academic leaders, high value is placed on achieving a diverse graduate student body and faculty as part of the endeavor to maintain academic excellence.

Applicants for the following fellowships must meet these specified requirements as well as any additional criteria outlined in the specific fellowship descriptions outlined here:

### **Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship, Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship and McNair Graduate Fellowship**

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Demonstrated high potential and promise, with an interest in an academic career in teaching and research
2. United States citizens or permanent residents
3. Individuals from cultural, linguistic, and socioeconomic backgrounds who would otherwise not adequately be represented in the graduate student and faculty populations as demonstrated by:
  - a) Experience of situations or conditions which were an impediment to advancing to graduate study, such as 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 having worked long hours while attending school; or
  - b) Academic research interests focusing on cultural, societal or educational problems as they affect educationally disadvantaged segments of society; or
  - c) Evidence of an intention to use the doctoral degree toward serving educationally underrepresented segments of society.
4. ACDP participants may not simultaneously receive additional financial support awards in a similar or greater amount

Awards are for a one-year period unless otherwise noted. Applicants will only be considered for the awards for which they are eligible. To apply for these awards, the applicant must complete sections one, two, three and four of the *Internal Fellowship Application*.

Examples of factors to be included on this form and used in determining eligibility for these fellowships include: Parent(s) only completed high school (or less); Parent(s) income is below \$20,000, at the time the student was supported by them. Primary language used in the home is NOT English; indication that student struggled due to economic, social, educational difficulty, or physical/learning disability to achieve their education; or degree focus will be to provide assistance to underrepresented segments of society.

**Please read the following eligibility criteria and fellowship restrictions carefully. If the student does not meet all of the application restrictions or fails to submit a complete application, they will not be selected to receive an award.**

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## VI. FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTIONS AND CRITERIA

Awards are good for a period of one academic year (October through June) unless otherwise noted.

### **Cota Robles, Eugene**

This is a two year fellowship (October 2009 through June 2011) for entering Ph.D. students in any discipline. Applicants must meet the “**Diversity**” criteria as outlined in the beginning of these instructions. Students will be awarded a \$20,000 stipend, in-state fees will be covered and tuition during their first year if necessary. Students will not be allowed to hold academic appointments during the tenure of their fellowship. Nine fellowships will be awarded.

### **Crosby, Donald**

This is a one-year fellowship open to all continuing students of distinction who are engaged in study related to environmental chemistry.

### **Dissertation Year Fellowship**

This is a one-year fellowship open to continuing doctoral students who are in the final stages of their doctoral work demonstrating strong potential for university teaching and research. Applicants must meet the “**Diversity**” criteria as outlined in the beginning of these instructions. Students must be advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree by January 15, 2009 and must be making satisfactory academic progress toward completion of their dissertation to be able to complete all requirements by June 30, 2010. Recipients will receive a stipend of \$20,000 and their in-state fees will be covered. They will also have a research fund of \$500 and a travel allowance of \$500. Students will not be allowed to hold academic appointments during the tenure of their fellowship. Six fellowships will be awarded.

### **Elliott, Marjorie and Charles**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering and continuing graduate students **with financial need**.

### **Faulkner, Richard and Kate**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering and continuing students from Placer County, CA.

### **Golden International Agriculture, William G. and Kathleen**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering and continuing Ph.D. students in the area of rice production technology including studies in plant breeding, crop production, soil and water management, pest control, extension, harvest and post-harvest technology and related subjects. Approximately four fellowships will be awarded.

### **Graduate Research Mentorship**

This is a 12-month fellowship (October 2009 through September 2010) open to continuing Ph.D. students who will have completed at least three quarters of graduate study at UC Davis by the end of spring quarter 2009. Applicants must meet the “**Diversity**” criteria as outlined in the beginning of these instructions. Students may not have begun their dissertation research or be advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree. This fellowship requires a commitment by a faculty sponsor to participate as the student’s major professor and mentor. Six fellowships will be awarded.

Recipients will hold a Graduate Student Researcher position with a salary of \$18,000. Students must meet all appointment eligibility requirements, and **may not** have other fellowships or hold additional academic appointments during their tenure on this fellowship. Recipients will also receive \$600 toward research expenses.

### **Jones, Fletcher**

This is a one-year fellowship open to new or continuing U.S. citizens, permanent residents or immigrants **with financial need**. All disciplines are eligible to apply except those in Physical Education, Business Management, Law and Medicine. One fellowship awarded each year.

**Kraft, Herbert**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering and continuing students studying agricultural sciences. Students are only eligible if they have graduated from a high school in California. Preference is first given to graduates of high schools (or whose parents resided) in Tehama County; then to graduates of high schools in Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Mendocino, Plumas, Shasta, and Trinity counties; or finally to graduates from all other California counties. Approximately two fellowships will be awarded.

**Krantz, Bert and Nell**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering and continuing students who are U.S. citizens pursuing a graduate degree in the fields of land and water resources or plant sciences as related to production agriculture, and who have demonstrated a commitment to pursue work in the area of agricultural development in a less-developed country. One fellowship will be awarded.

**Lee, George**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering and continuing students who are U.S. citizens, permanent residents or immigrants **with financial need**. Students must be engaged in academic activity or research related to the role of environmental factors in the epidemiology of cancer in its broadest context. One fellowship will be awarded.

**Lyons, Austin Eugene**

This is a 12-month fellowship (July 2009 through June 2010) open to students and/or practitioners in the field of veterinary medicine or animal science who are pursuing research into the causes, control and treatment of illnesses, diseases and health problems of farm livestock, especially sheep and cattle. Preference is given to residents of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, California. Approximately four to eight fellowships are awarded annually.

**Mahan, Laura Perrott**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering and continuing students who are graduates of a Humboldt County High School. Student must be a bona fide resident of Humboldt County at time of selection.

**McArthur, Frank**

This is a one-year fellowship open to graduates of any high school in Modoc, Lassen, Shasta or Siskiyou Counties, California.

**McKeehan, Beatrice Oberly and S. Atwood**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering and continuing students **with financial need** who are pursuing the studies of farming, giving preference to those who desire to make farming their career and who have been raised on farms or were children of farmers.

**McNair**

This is a 12-month fellowship (October 2009 through September 2010) open to entering Ph.D. graduate students who participated in an undergraduate McNair Scholars program. Applicants must meet the “**Diversity**” criteria as outlined in the beginning of these instructions. This fellowship provides a \$25,000 stipend, in-state fees and tuition if necessary. Students will not be allowed to hold academic appointments during the tenure of the fellowship. Two fellowships will be awarded.

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The “**President’s Predoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities**” and the “**Graduate Student Researcher in the Humanities**” are made in conjunction with the Humanities Institute. Applications should be processed in the same manner as all other applications.

“Humanities” includes study of: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion, ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; and those aspects of the social sciences that have a humanistic content and employ humanistic methods.

### **President's Predoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities**

This is a multi-year award open to entering Ph.D. students. Awards include a \$12,500 living allowance plus in-state fees in the first and dissertation year, provided the fellow has maintained outstanding academic progress. In years two and three, the Office of Graduate Studies will pay the portion of in-state fees not covered by a fee remission. One fellowship will be awarded.

#### Special Requirements for President's Predoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities

The graduate program must guarantee the following for each nominee:

- 1) Guarantee that nonresident tuition, if applicable, will be covered from its block grant;
- 2) Guarantee that the fellow will receive a university appointment as a teaching assistant or graduate student researcher (student must be eligible to hold an academic appointment) at 50% time during their second and third years of graduate study.

### **Graduate Student Researcher in the Humanities**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering Ph.D. students. Awardees will be appointed as graduate student research assistants (GSR) at 50% time for either two or three quarters (students must be eligible to hold an academic appointment). Six fellowships will be awarded.

#### Special Requirements for GSR in the Humanities appointments

- 1) The student must meet eligibility criteria as outlined under "fellowships to support campus diversity" listed above;
- 2) The graduate program must guarantee that nonresident tuition, if any, will be covered from its block grant for each nominee;
- 3) In the event that the nominee is awarded the Graduate Student Researcher in the Humanities, identify the faculty sponsor and specify the research area to be studied. The program may be required to support the nominee for one quarter at an equivalent level of pay (i.e. a 50% GSR stipend at the appropriate step.)

### **Richards, Lillie May**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering and continuing students. Students must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or immigrants **with financial need** that are studying dairying, with preference given to graduates of San Juan High School of Fair Oaks, California. One fellowship will be awarded.

### **Schwalen, Emily**

This is a prize that is open to all graduate students in agricultural and/or environmental sciences that are closely connected to Native American culture or whose thesis research would benefit Native Americans. Also open to UC Davis graduate students whose thesis work is related to Native Americans or Ecology. One prize will be awarded.

### **Schwall Dissertation Year Fellowship, Floyd and Mary**

These are one-year fellowships for continuing students who are U.S. citizens **with financial need** and are engaged in medically related research. Students must be advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree by January 15, 2009 and must be making satisfactory academic progress toward completion of their dissertation to be able to complete all requirements by June 30, 2010. Recipients may not receive the Jastro-Shields Research Award or the UC Davis and Humanities Graduate Research Award in conjunction with the Schwall Dissertation Year Fellowship. Six fellowships will be awarded.

### **Schwall Fellowship, Floyd and Mary**

This is a two-year fellowship open to entering Ph.D. students who are U.S. citizens **with financial need** and are engaged in medically related research. Recipients will receive a combination of stipend, in-state fees, tuition, research and travel funding totaling approximately \$73,000 depending on residency status. Tuition expenses will be covered for the first year only, if necessary. Six fellowships will be awarded.

**Stacey, Malcolm**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering and continuing Jewish students **with financial need** who are pursuing a career in aeronautical engineering or any engineering field.

**Steindler, John F.**

This is a two-year fellowship (Oct 2009 through June 2011) open to entering Ph.D. students studying in the general areas of agricultural production, food and nutrition, and molecular biology in plants, agricultural commodity marketing, and rural/urban social studies. The student's prospective major professor must have an appointment within the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. This fellowship provides a \$40,000 stipend, in-state fees, and NRT (if applicable) for one year. Approximately one to four fellowships will be awarded.

**Additional Criteria:** The graduate program must provide international students NRT during their second year.

**Tryon, Herbert**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering and continuing graduate students **with financial need**. Students must be graduates of a high school in Del Norte, Humboldt, Siskiyou or Trinity Counties, California. Preference is given to graduates of a high school in Del Norte County.

**UC Davis and Humanities Graduate Research**

Open to all continuing graduate students who will be registered during the 2009-2010 academic year. Students must have been registered in spring quarter 2009 to use the funds during the summer period (July-September 2009).

Students on PELP or Filing Fee status do not meet the registration requirement. Provides up to \$1,500 for research projects. **Recipients may receive a Jastro-Shields Research Scholarship during the same fiscal year; however, the total of the two awards may not exceed \$3,000. Recipients may not receive a Floyd and Mary Schwall Dissertation Fellowship during the same fiscal year.** Priority is given to Ph.D. students. Forty fellowships will be awarded.

**UC Davis Dissertation Year Fellowship**

This is a one-year fellowship open to continuing doctoral students who are in the final stages of their doctoral work demonstrating strong potential for university teaching and research. Students must be advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree by January 15, 2009 and must be making satisfactory academic progress toward completion of their dissertation to be able to complete all requirements by June 30, 2010. Recipients will receive a stipend of \$20,000 and their in-state fees will be covered. They will also have a research fund of \$500 and a travel allowance of \$500. Students will not be allowed to hold academic appointments during the tenure of their fellowship. Six fellowships will be awarded.

**Velez, Miguel**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering and continuing graduate students. The Miguel Velez Fellowship is awarded to students on the basis of character, ability, **with financial need**. Preference is given first to students with citizenship/residency of Columbia, South America, then to students from other Latin American countries.

**Walker, Frank and Carolan**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering and continuing students who are residents of Humboldt County, California.

**Wood, Elizabeth P.**

This is a one-year fellowship open to entering and continuing students who are residents of Placer County, California. **Special Criteria:** Recipient shall agree to return to the Regents all or part of the sums received by them, without interest, when such a return can be made without a serious inconvenience to them.

**Wright, Jarena**

This is a one-year fellowship open to all graduate students from Santa Rosa, California with preference given to those who participated in Future Farmers of America, 4-H or similar programs. One-two fellowships will be awarded.

**Zolk, George and Dorothy**

This is a one-year fellowship that has no restrictions. It is open to new and continuing, master's or Ph.D., international and domestic graduate students. Approximately four fellowships will be awarded.