



Graduate Net Initiative

Graduate Research Fellowship

The Graduate Net Initiative is now accepting applications for the second cohort of Graduate Research Fellows. This fellowship, made possible by a U.S. Department of Education Title V Part B (PPOHA) grant, is a year-long competitive program for students completing theses, projects, or dissertations at Fresno State. Offering \$500 in direct financial support and up to \$1500 for research development and conference presentations, the Graduate Research Fellowship supports high-quality, high-impact research in any field of study.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible to receive a Graduate Research Fellowship, an applicant must

- be enrolled as a California State University, Fresno graduate/doctoral student in good standing;
- have upon application, and maintain throughout the fellowship period, a minimum 3.0 average on the approved graduate program;
- have advanced to candidacy for the graduate degree (see the Division of Graduate Studies' "Chart Your Course" handbook, available at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/gradstudies/epubs/>);
- have completed courses in research techniques as required by the major department;
- and have secured a thesis/dissertation or project chair.

Students are not eligible for the fellowship if they

- have been assigned to comprehensive exams as the culminating experience;
- or have already received their graduate degree.

EXPECTATIONS

Graduate Research Fellows will be required to

- attend the Graduate Research Fellowship orientation;
- complete, within the fellowship period and in consultation with the thesis/project/dissertation committee chair, a significant solo-authored research project;
- discuss their research progress in monthly cohort meetings;
- attend Graduate Research Fellowship Professional Development trainings;
- present preliminary research findings to peers and faculty members at the January cohort meeting;
- participate in at least one trial conference presentation in preparation for a regional or national conference;
- and present at a regional or national conference (to be chosen in consultation with the thesis/project/ dissertation chair).

Additionally, Graduate Research Fellows will be strongly encouraged to

- build relationships with peers, faculty members, and community members both within and outside their discipline;
- represent positively both the Initiative and Fresno State, following the Honor Code and other university policies (available at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/division/general/studenthandbook/policies.html>).

PLEASE NOTE: Support from this fund must be acknowledged in subsequent presentations and/or publications of the work.

AMOUNT OF AWARD

Graduate Research Fellows will receive a total of up to \$2000, to be divided into \$500 of direct support and up to \$1500 for research development and conference presentation. Awardees who do not complete the required activities above will be required to return the disbursed amount to the Graduate Net Initiative.

PLEASE NOTE: The Financial Aid Office may factor a part or the whole amount of this award into awardees' total financial aid packages, which may result in the reduction of other awards and/or loans. For further information, you should contact the Financial Aid office at 559.278.2182.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Awardees will be selected by a review committee to include the Graduate Net Initiative's Project Director and other members of the Graduate Net Initiative's Planning Committee and/or University Graduate Committee. Awards will be made based primarily on the clarity and quality of the proposed research project, as well as on the level of support from the student's faculty advisor/mentor (see application instructions and required supporting documentation information below).

PLEASE NOTE: Because this award is given to recognize individual effort, joint student proposals will not be considered for funding.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants must **complete the attached application form and attach to it the required documents** listed below. **2016-2017 applications are due no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.** Incomplete application will not be considered.

Required documents:

- Graduate Research Fellowship Application
- A preliminary project proposal, which should include:
 - Introduction (background information with support from literature where appropriate);
 - Purpose (hypothesis and/or project goals/objectives)
 - Significance of the research/project
 - Methodology/Project Design (specific research design and data analysis, or detailed plan of work)
 - Results dissemination plan (brief descriptions of all completed and potential on-campus presentations, at least one potential presentation at a national or regional conference)

- with date and place, potential journal publication information with submission procedures)
- Amount of work toward the thesis/dissertation or project completed to date
 - Reference list for citations in the application (use APA, MLA or other format)
 - A sealed letter of recommendation from the dissertation/thesis/project chair
 - A sealed letter of recommendation from another faculty member qualified to evaluate your research

If applicable, attach copies of all relevant clearances and permissions (e.g., Human Subjects, Animal Welfare) needed for the conduct of your research. Permission forms may be obtained through the departmental or school offices. Funds cannot be released unless copies of such clearances are provided to the Graduate Net Initiative.

PLEASE NOTE: The proposal narrative **must not** exceed five double-spaced pages (1" margins, 12 point font), not including the working bibliography. The following headings must be included in the narrative: Introduction, Purpose, Significance, Methodology/Design, Dissemination, Work Completed, and References.

Complete application packages (application form, required supporting documents, and sealed letters of recommendation) should be submitted **no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 6, 2016** to:

Dr. Maritere López, Project Director
Graduate Net Initiative
California State University, Fresno
Frank W. Thomas Building, Room 121
5241 N. Maple Avenue, M/S TA 51
Fresno, CA 93740-8027

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered for the award. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by email within three weeks of the closing date.

Should you have questions about this program or other graduate funding opportunities, contact Andrea Cortes from the Graduate Net Initiative at (559) 278-1622 or andream@csufresno.edu.



Graduate Research Fellowship Application

Please review the application guidelines.

Applications and supporting documents are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 6, 2016.

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Graduate/Doctoral Program: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Student ID#: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Graduation Date: _____

II. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

GPA: _____ Have you been the recipient of this award before? ___ Yes ___ No

Have you advanced to candidacy? ___ Yes ___ No

If no, have you submitted the Advancement to Candidacy form? ___ Yes ___ No

If submitted, when? _____

Have you completed the research course(s) required by your program? ___ Yes ___ No

Course title[s]: _____ Term completed: _____

III. FACULTY

Thesis/Project/Dissertation Chair: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Program & College/School: _____

Second recommender: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Program & College/School: _____

IV. PROPOSED THESIS/PROJECT/DISSERTATION INFORMATION

Title:

Project timeframe: Start Date: _____ - End Date: _____

Does your research require clearances and/or permissions (e.g., Human Subjects, Animal Welfare)? ___ Yes ___ No

Are copies of all relevant clearances and permission forms attached? ___ Yes ___ No

If no, explain clearance/permission status: _____

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VI. SIGNATURES

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Student: _____

Date: _____

Faculty Advisor: _____

Date: _____