

UC Dissertation-Year Fellowship, 2016-17

The UC Office of the President will again fund a dissertation-year fellowship program for Berkeley students. Awards will include a living stipend of \$20,500, payment of fees, and a travel allowance; an additional \$3,000 stipend will be paid to fellows who file their dissertations by May 12, 2017.

Each fellow must present two seminars on her/his dissertation research, one on the Berkeley campus and one at another university in California. Fellows may also be required to attend local events. Each fellow's adviser is expected to discuss academic issues, advise on the dissertation (ensuring completion by the end of the year), assist the fellow in locating opportunities to present research and interview for postdoctoral/teaching positions, write letters of reference, and assist the fellow in anticipating and overcoming academic obstacles.

To be eligible, a student must:

- Hold U.S. citizenship, permanent residency, or be AB540-eligible.
- Exhibit one or more of the following characteristics:
 - 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 at a school or schools with poor financial or curricular support; having a physical or learning disability; or having worked long hours while attending school; or
 - Academic research interests focusing on cultural, societal or educational problems as they affect educationally disadvantaged segments of society; or
 - Evidence of intention to use the doctoral degree toward serving educationally underrepresented segments of society.
- Have advanced to doctoral candidacy and already completed two dissertation chapters or the equivalent; and
- Be making adequate academic progress towards their degree, as certified by their dissertation chair.

Fellowship terms:

- Fellows may work during one semester only, in a GSI, AI-GS, GSR, Reader, or Tutor appointment of 25% time or less.
- By accepting the fellowship, recipients agree to forego any university funding after Spring 2017. (This includes block grant, summer funding, and GSI/GSR positions, but not loans.)

Evaluation and selection criteria:

- Will contribute to diversifying the academy.
- Demonstration of academic promise and potential.
- Evidence of capacity to file one's dissertation by the end of the 2016-17 academic year.
- Preference will be given to nominees who have not received other major fellowships.

Application procedures:

To be considered for the campus competition, applicants must be nominated by their departments.

The application is a two-step process:

- 1) Inquire with your department regarding its internal competition for attaining a nomination.
- 2) If you are selected by your department as a nominee, submit an application through Tango (<http://tango.berkeley.edu>) by March 7, 2016

Applications must include:

- Statement of eligibility
- A one page summary of the nominee's dissertation written in non-technical language
- A detailed outline of the dissertation (not to exceed four pages)
- Unofficial graduate transcript(s)

The department will submit the following on behalf of the nominee:

- A letter from the Chair of the nominee's department or graduate group supporting the nomination and confirming the nominee's eligibility; this letter must also be signed by the department's Equity Adviser
- A letter from the nominee's adviser describing the dissertation project and its importance, and attesting that they have read the reviewed one or more chapters of the student's dissertation

The deadline for receipt of nominations is Monday, March 7, 2016. Awards will be made in April.