

BURDEN FELLOWSHIP AND PEASE FELLOWSHIP **GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS**

Eligibility Criteria

- 1) Must be a Ph.D. student in Biomedical Sciences graduate program
- 2) Must have completed first year graduate program core course requirements by July 1
- 3) Must be in good academic standing
- 4) Must be actively engaged in scholarly research and demonstrated aptitude to quickly grasp scientific concepts and adopt research technologies
- 5) Experience in poster or oral presentations at regional, national or international meetings or conferences, award recognitions and prior laboratory experience
- 6) Must show commitment to research in biomedical sciences (Burden fellowship) or cancer-related research (Pease Cancer fellowship)

Additional criteria

- 1) Evidence of “distance traveled,” which could include the financial necessity to maintain a heavy work schedule, being the first in family to earn a bachelor’s degree, or maintaining family responsibilities to care for a disabled parent
- 2) Involvement in professional activities to enhance the diversity of the department/graduate program

Preference will be given to students who have not received the award previously.

Application Procedure: The following forms will need to be completed and submitted electronically by May 1 to the Graduate Student Services Advisor, Hermila Torres, copied to program Faculty Graduate Advisor Dr. Sika Zheng:

1. Applicant Information Form
2. Research Statement
3. Professional activities
4. Diversity Form (*optional*)
5. Two recommendation letters, including one from Major Professor (sent directly from faculty to hermila.torres@medsch.ucr.edu)
6. Name your application: your last name_program_student last name_ award name.

APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

To be completed by the student

Students: submit your completed application by e-mail before **January 15**, as a pdf document, to the Graduate Student Services Advisor, Hermila Torres at hermila.torres@medsch.ucr.edu, copied to program Faculty Graduate Advisor, Dr. Sika Zheng at sika.zheng@medsch.ucr.edu. Name your application as follows: Program_your last name_award name(s). For example, Joe Smith in Biomedical Sciences would submit an application for Pease fellowship named: bmsc_smith_pease.pdf

NAME: _____ GRAD PROGRAM: _____

YEAR OF GRAD STUDY: _____ MENTOR: _____

SOURCE OF SUPPORT: _____

EDUCATION:

INSTITUTION, DEGREE, YEAR: _____

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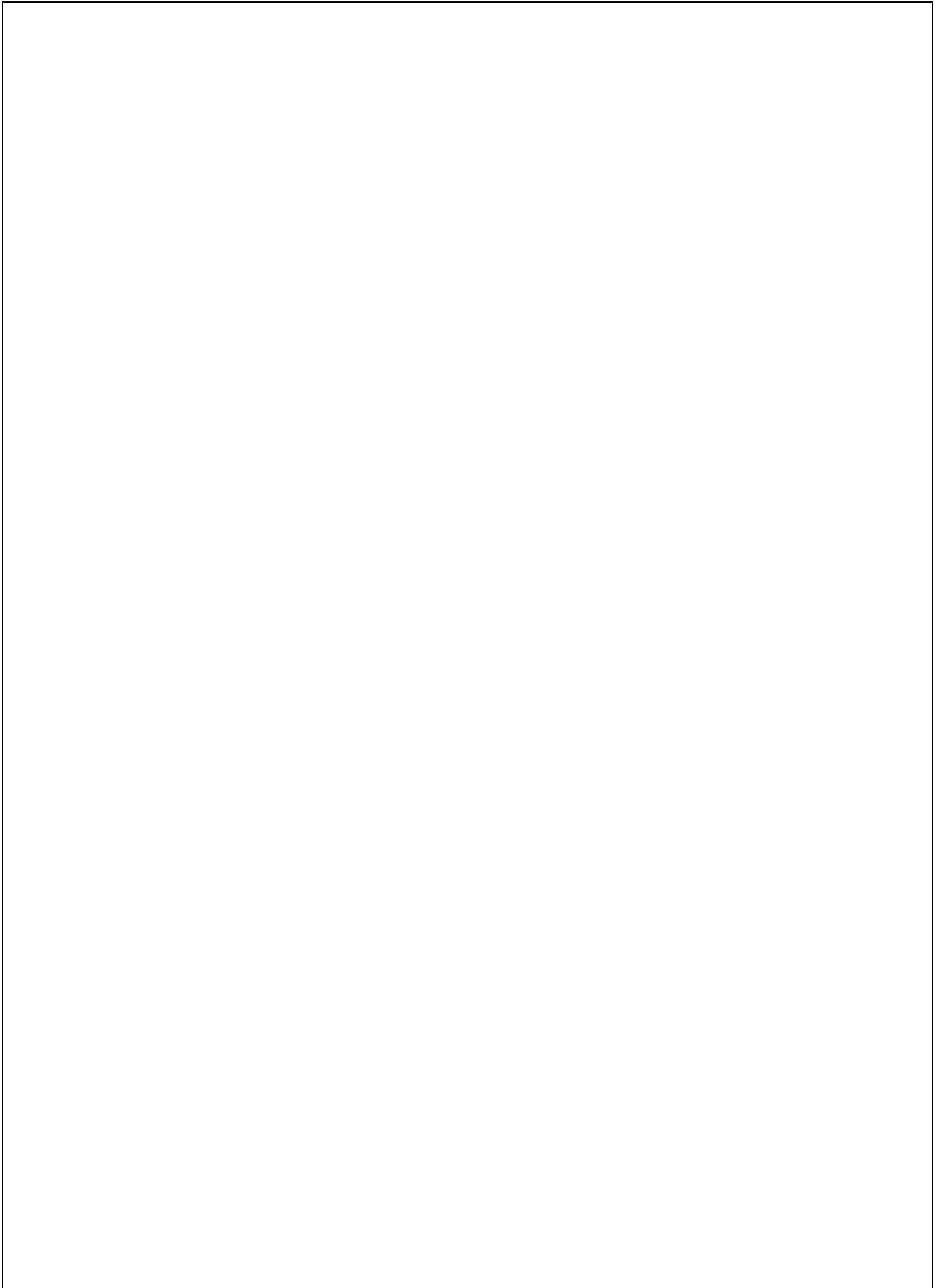
CITIZENSHIP: (select one) US Citizen/Permanent Resident _____ International _____

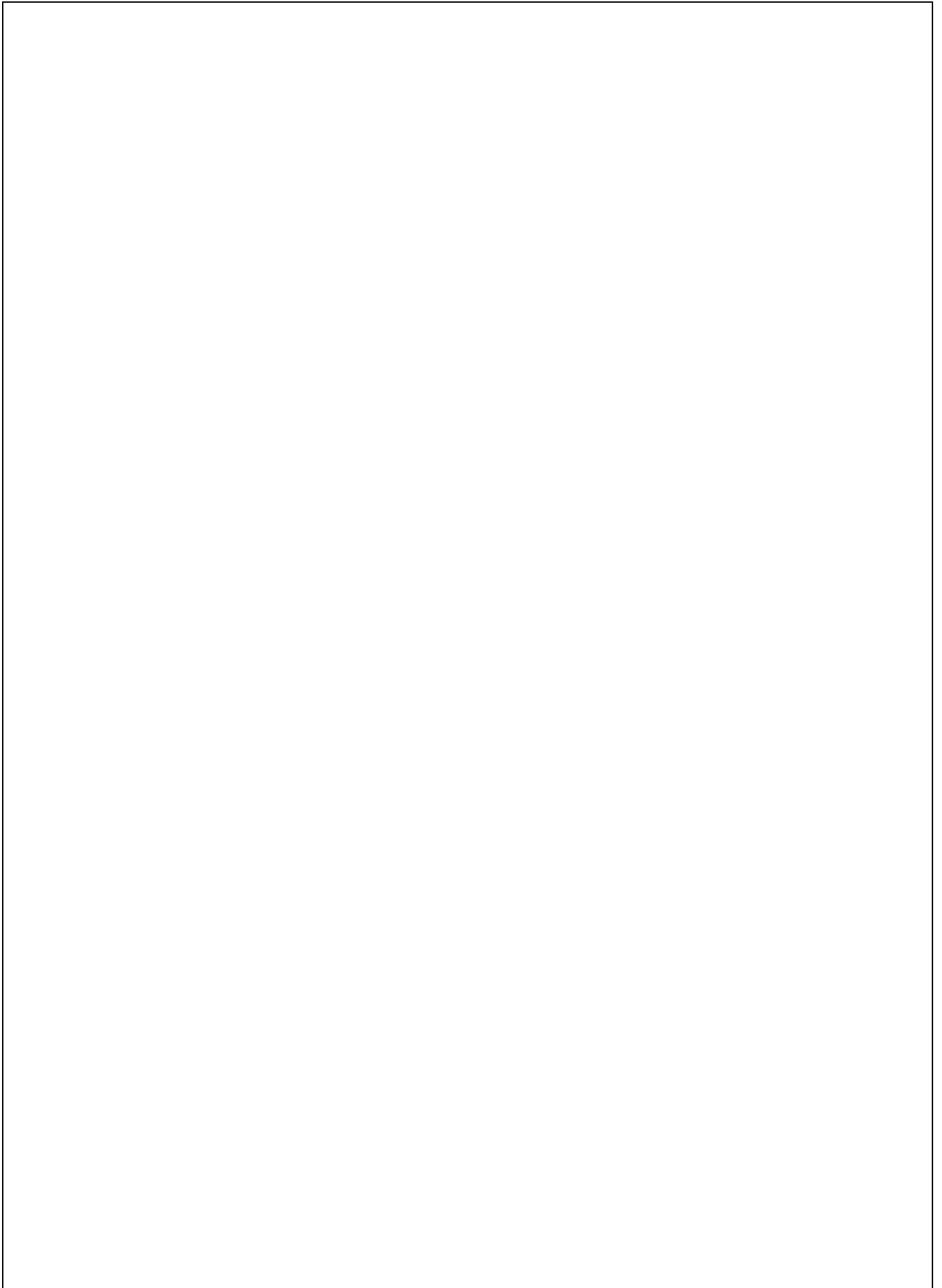
RESEARCH STATEMENT

To be completed by the student

1. What is the intellectual merit of your dissertation research?
2. How would your research contribute to biomedical (Burden fellowship) or cancer (Pease fellowship) research?
3. What are your research accomplishments at UCR to date?
4. What will your professional activities entail during the coming year?
5. What are your career goals?

Each question should be followed by your response. All together, the questions with your responses are limited to 2 single spaced pages, 1 inch margins, 12 point font. You may use up to one additional page to include references cited.





PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

To be completed by the student

1. TIMELINE

Please provide a timeline for completion of your dissertation, noting specifically when you expect to finish all research projects and when you expect to begin and complete writing the dissertation.

2. LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Please list **PUBLISHED** papers only on which you are an author. You must include the complete citation with inclusive pagination and all authors listed in the order in which they appear in the publication. You can also include manuscripts that have been submitted for publication. Do NOT include published abstracts here.

3. LIST OF PRESENTATIONS

Please list all talks or posters presented at regional, national or international meetings or conferences. Indicate the name, location and date of the meeting/conference. Provide the title of your presentation, the list of authors as they appear in the conference proceedings, and indicate which author presented the work.

4. EXTERNAL FUNDING

Provide a list of all proposals that **you** have written and submitted for **extramural** funding. For each proposal, indicate the agency to which it was submitted, the date of submission, whether the proposal has been funded, and, if so, the amount of funds awarded. If your dissertation mentor is the PI on any of these proposals, explain why you have included that proposal here.

5. HONORS/AWARDS

List all honors/awards received.

DIVERSITY FORM (optional)

To be completed by the student

First/Primary Language Spoken in the Home: _____

Father's Occupation _____ Highest grade/degree completed _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Highest grade/degree completed _____

Are you a single parent? _____ Yes _____ No

Were you raised by a single parent? _____ Yes _____ No

Did you attend an inner-city high school or impoverished high school? _____ Yes _____ No

Diversity as defined by the UC Office of the President:

- 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 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
- 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.

Please briefly explain any situation that may have been an impediment to your advancement to graduate study, such as absence of a family member who attended college, poor financial or curricular support, having worked long hours while attending college. Limit one page, single spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins.

Instructions for Letters of Recommendation

Graduate Mentors: Send the letters of recommendation for the student to Graduate Student Services Advisor, Hermila Torres at hermila.torres@medsch.ucr.edu copied to program Faculty Graduate Advisor Dr. Sika Zheng at sika.zheng@medsch.ucr.edu by **January 15**. Letters must be sent directly from faculty recommender.

Student information:

Name of applicant:

Ph.D. Program: _____ Year of Grad study: _____

Recommender: If you are the applicant's dissertation advisor, please indicate the date by which you expect the student to complete the dissertation

Name & Position of recommender:

Relationship of recommender to applicant:

Please evaluate this applicant's qualifications and research accomplishments *critically*. Provide data to support any superlatives you use in your letter. Trainees selected for this program should be those students likely to become the successful contributors to their fields upon graduation. Please limit letters to no more than two pages.