

DYP, GRMP and UC Pre-Professoriate Fellowships

Below you will find a list of fellowships that provide 1 or more quarters of support to graduate students enrolled in a PhD program. Details on eligibility criteria and the submission and review process are provided.

DYP Awards

Dissertation Year Program Awards

The DYP award provides up to 3 quarters of funding to PhD students who expect to complete their degree program the year in which the award is received. The purpose of the program is to relieve students of TAing or equivalent to focus on their dissertation work and to complete their PhD in a timely manner.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Must be a Ph.D. student who has advanced to candidacy by January 31st, 2022.
2. Must have >3.5 GPA
3. Must not have more than 7 units of incomplete grades.
4. Ideally should be able to complete the dissertation by June 2023.
5. Must be making acceptable progress toward the degree. (For these purposes, acceptable progress for a Ph.D. student means advanced to candidacy within 15 quarters after entry and must complete the degree by the normative time to degree for the particular program plus 1 year at time of degree.)
6. Can be on leave to apply but must be enrolled as a full-time student (12 units) during tenure of fellowship.
7. International and domestic students are eligible to apply.

The Dissertation Year Fellowship Award (DYFAs) are decided from DYP applicants. Three students will be awarded DYFAs covering 3 quarters of stipend and tuition for each student, some travel money and students will attend an award ceremony at UCOP.

GRMP Awards

Graduate Research Mentoring Program Awards

The GRMP award is intended to enhance the mentoring of domestic PhD students entering their 3rd, 4th or 5th years of graduate school who are actively engaged in research. Applicants should demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:

1. 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 with poor financial or curricular support; having a physical or learning disability; or having worked long hours while attending school; OR
2. Academic research interests focusing on cultural, societal or educational problems as they affect educationally disadvantaged segments of society; OR
3. Evidence of an intention to use the doctoral degree toward serving educationally underrepresented segments of society.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Must be a Ph.D. student.
2. Must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States (AB540 status is ok)
3. Must enhance the diversity of the department / graduate program.
4. Must have completed 2 years of graduate school at UCR by Fall 2022.

5. Must be actively engaged in scholarly research leading to the dissertation.
6. Must not have more than 7 units of incomplete grades.
7. Must be making acceptable progress toward the degree. (For these purposes, acceptable progress for a Ph.D. student means advanced to candidacy within 15 quarters after entry and must complete the degree by the normative time to degree for the particular program plus 1 year at time of degree. Note that students can be awarded a GRMP before advancing to candidacy)
8. Can be on leave to apply but must be enrolled as a full-time student (12 units) during tenure of fellowship.

UC President's Pre-Professoriate Fellows

This program's goal is to enhance faculty pathways for historically underrepresented groups, particularly Latinx, African Americans, American Indians/Native Americans, Filipinx, and Pacific Islanders in all disciplines; women in STEM; and Asian Americans in the humanities and social sciences. The intent of the program is to provide fellowships for domestic historically underrepresented minorities from California HSIs. For purposes of this fellowship, AB540 students are eligible. International students are not eligible for this fellowship.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a Ph.D. student.
- Must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States (AB540 status is ok)
- Must be exceptional students (as demonstrated by their research achievements).
- Must have received their undergraduate or master's degree from a California Hispanic Serving Institution (CA HSI)—public or private.
- Must have advanced to candidacy prior to being selected for the fellowship.
- Must have letters of support from Faculty Advisor(s) that address the student's performance and potential as an exceptional academic, and comment on the likelihood that the student will pursue a professoriate path after receiving their PhD.
- Must have a demonstrated record of advancing issues of inclusion, equity, and diversity; actively supporting underrepresented communities; and shows commitment to pursuing these efforts throughout their career.
- Must be actively engaged in scholarly research leading to the dissertation.
- Must not have more than 7 units of incomplete grades.
- Must be making acceptable progress toward the degree. (For these purposes, acceptable progress for a Ph.D. student means advanced to candidacy within 15 quarters after entry and must complete the degree by the normative time to degree for the particular program plus 1 year at time of degree.
- Can be on leave to apply but must be enrolled as a full-time student (12 units) during tenure of fellowship.

Fellows will receive a \$30,000 stipend for one academic year and a \$10,000 grant for professional development support to be used throughout their PhD.

Review Process

The greatest knowledge of the students and the discipline lies with the Graduate Programs. This process aims to allow Graduate Programs to decide the majority of DYP/GRMP awardees.

1. Graduate Programs will be designated DYP/GRMP quarters based on the number of students in their program:

Number of Students in Program	Number of quarters allocated
<25	1
25-50	2
51-100	3
>100	4

At current program numbers ~100 quarters of support will be awarded with ~5% of our students funded.

2. In addition, Graduate Programs will nominate one student for a university wide competitive award to be reviewed by the Graduate Council Fellowship Sub Committee. These competitive awards will include DYP and GRMP fellowships. Programs will decide which program they will nominate a student for.

3. Further, Graduate Programs will be allowed one additional nomination for the HSI-DD UC President’s Pre-Professoriate Fellow Program.

Review Criteria

All three fellowships award excellence in the student’s discipline.

There is considerable and intended diversity in discipline within the Graduate Council therefore to aid members of the Graduate Council in the reviewing process, Graduate Programs are required to submit justification for why a student excels in their discipline.

Part of that justification should be in the form of a Graduate Program specific rubric generated by the program to highlight by what criteria students are evaluated.

A Diversity Statement is required for all fellowship applications.

Please let your students know that writing advice specifically for these awards can be provided by Grad Success’ Writing Center.

Timeline

Deadline for allocated and competitive nominations is January 31st each year. All nominations need to be made by the Graduate Advisor – no applications will be directly accepted from students.

Nominations will be uploaded by Advisors via a link provided by Grad Division.

Graduate Division will check eligibility of all nominations.

Graduate Council will review applications in the Winter quarter and awarded early Spring.

If the Graduate Program has a successful competitive award, they will be provided a further allocated quarter. It is therefore suggested that programs generate a list of their most qualified students with the top student(s) nominated for the competitive award(s) **and** an allocated award. Therefore, if the top student is not successful in the UCR wide competitive competition they will still receive a program award.

Questions and comments please email

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