

Deadlines: *Application deadline date for students currently receiving an award: Tuesday, June 1, 2010*

Deadline date for new applicants: Wednesday, September 1, 2010

PLEASE SUBMIT A COMPLETE APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES, ADM 710

THE GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The grants are designed to increase the number of master's degrees awarded to economically disadvantaged CSU students, especially those students that are underrepresented among graduate degree recipients in their discipline and to those who are disabled.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applications will be accepted from all students eligible for financial aid based on California State University criteria. The Office of Student Financial Services will determine the amount of the fellowship (maximum \$1500 per quarter) based on the applicant's demonstrated financial need.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or Permanent U.S residents and California residents, as determined by the University, for purposes of fee payment.
- Fellowship recipients must meet full-time enrollment requirements. Graduate students must carry a study load of 12 units of approved prerequisite, corequisite, or graduate program courses. You may be enrolled in either 12 units of a combination of 400 and 500 level courses, or eight units of 500 level courses. You may also enroll in one or more units of (thesis/research) courses numbered 597, 598, 599, 699 and 900.
- Fellowship recipients must be enrolled as classified graduate students and must maintain satisfactory academic progress, which includes maintaining a minimum B (3.0) grade point average.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Applicants are evaluated on the basis of their academic record, (including grades, courses enrolled, honors, etc.); two faculty recommendation letters and other information provided on the application form.
- Consideration is also given to the degree of underrepresentation in the national pool of graduate degree recipients in the applicant's field and to disabled applicants in all fields of study.

APPLICATIONS

Applicants must complete two separate required applications:

- A general academic application which requires two recommendation letters from faculty in the applicant's academic department or division.
- A Financial Aid Application which requires that the applicant file a "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA).
- Both applications must be submitted annually. Continuing awardees do not need to provide new letters of recommendation, a new essay, or new transcripts.

**ACADEMIC APPLICATION
GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES**

IMPORTANT:

You must also file a financial application, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA form is available in the Center for Student Financial Services, SA 124

Have you previously received the Graduate Equity Fellowship? ___ Yes ___ No

If "yes" indicate first quarter and year received: ___ Fall ___ Winter ___ Spring Year ___

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____
(Mr./Ms.) Last First Middle

CIN#.: _____ Male _____ Female

Permanent Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Primary E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____
Area Number

Citizenship Status: [] U.S. Citizen [] Permanent U.S. Resident [] CA Resident

Ethnic Identity: [] African American [] Asian American
[] Native American – Tribal Affiliation _____
[] Mexican American [] Other Hispanic
[] Filipino [] Pacific Islander
[] Caucasian [Other] _____ (please specify)

[] Disabled (Attached verification from the Office for Students)

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION: * Your major department may be able to provide this information.

Undergraduate Major: _____ Minor: _____

School Attended (Please Check) CSLA ___ *Other ___

* If you did not receive your baccalaureate degree from CSLA, include a copy of your unofficial undergraduate transcript.

* Overall undergraduate G.P.A. _____

* G.P.A. in last 90 units of undergraduate work _____

Graduate Major: _____
(Attach a copy of your Master's degree program) (Qtr/Yr. Admitted to Program)

Expected date of graduation _____
Qtr/Yr.

Other Colleges and Universities Attended

Date
Attended

Degree
Awarded

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular Activities (College or Community)

Special Recognition (Offices held, organizational membership, etc.)

Scholarship

Years Received

Awarded Amount

Work or volunteer experience related to your career objectives

ESSAY

Please write a short essay (approximately 250 words) addressing (1) challenges you have surmounted in the course of your education, (2) elements of your educational or personal experience that have contributed to your interest in pursuing graduate study and to your motivation and determination to succeed in it, and (3) your career objective and abilities and skills you possess that will enhance your chances of success. (Please attach a separate sheet of paper.)

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please provide two sealed letters of recommendation (preferably a previous or current professor) with your application. Your application will not be processed without the letters of recommendation. Please print the names of those who will be submitting letters on your behalf below:

Print Name

Print Name

IMPORTANT: Please secure this signature. Your application will not be processed without the signature of the Graduate Advisor in your department.

Graduate Advisor Approval

Print Name

Signature

AUTHORIZED RELEASE

I authorize the Cal State L.A. Center for Student Financial Services to release transcripts, letters of recommendation, application, and accompanying documents and to publicize my award should I be a recipient.

Signature _____

Date _____

RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND ALL ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ROOM 710 BY THE DEADLINE DATE. INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.