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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

THE GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Application Deadlines: March 30, 2020 for Continuing and New Applicants

PLEASE SUBMIT A COMPLETE APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES, LIB N A-124

The grants are designed to increase the number of graduate 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 \$1,000 per semester) based on the applicant's demonstrated financial need and availability of funds.
- Be a legal California resident;
- Be admitted to a CSU and to a graduate program as a classified or conditionally classified student;
- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Have financial need of at least \$1,000;
- Enroll in a minimum of eight (8) units per semester applicable to the graduate degree; you may also enroll in one or more units of (thesis/research) courses numbered 5990, 5995, 5960 and 5970;
- Demonstrate potential to succeed in graduate school and to complete a graduate degree program in no more than two years as evidenced by undergraduate coursework and letters of recommendation; and
- 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 based on 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 APPLICANTS

- Continuing awardees must complete page 1 of the GEF application and sign page 3, however do not need to provide new letters of recommendation and a new essay
 - They must provide updated unofficial transcripts.
- The GEF may only be awarded for two consecutive academic years.**