Internal Fellowships and Awards

Receiving an internal fellowship not only provides you with financial support, but also enhances your CV. A range of fellowships are available for outstanding PhD students in both basic science and social and populational science programs. See a matrix of all awards [1] offered through the Graduate Division.

Note that number of awards and the award amounts are subject to change each academic year based on available funding.

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How to Get One

- Graduate students are nominated by their graduate programs for internal competitive fellowships. We urge students interested in being nominated for a competitive fellowship to contact their program administrator [2].
- Please review the eligibility requirements on each fellowship. Awards are available to PhD students who are US citizens, permanent residents, undocumented, AB 540, and foreign nationals who are entering their first through fifth years of study as of the upcoming fall term with a 3.0 or higher GPA. ARCS Scholarship requires a 3.5 or higher GPA.
- Graduate programs with 50 or more students may nominate two students for each fellowship. Programs with fewer than 50 students may nominate one student for most of the fellowships. Cancer Research, Earle C. Anthony, Eugene Cota-Robles and Rosenberg-Hill fellowships have different nomination restrictions.
- Graduate programs may nominate a single student for more than one internal fellowship, but each student may only receive one fellowship at a time.
Nominations for competitive fellowships (except Cancer Research, Eugene Cota-Robles and Rosenberg-Hill) are reviewed and rated by the Graduate Council. Eligible graduate programs select the NIGMS IMSD fellowship recipients each year. All recipients of internal fellowships and awards are subject to terms and conditions.

Nomination Criteria

- Extent and quality of previous academic work
- Evidence of research ability
- Promise of productive scholarship
- Grade point average of at least 3.0
- Some fellowships have additional criteria; please see individual award descriptions for details.

Nominees for diversity fellowships are evaluated on the following additional criteria. The faculty nomination letter should address one of the following:

- Experience, situations, or conditions that impeded 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 disability
- Having worked long hours while attending school
- Academic research interests focusing on cultural, societal, or educational problems as they affect educationally disadvantaged segments of society
- Evidence of an intention to use the doctoral degree toward serving educationally underrepresented segments of society

Nomination Procedure

Nominations are made by the graduate program administrators via the online nomination system housed in the Office of Registrar (OAR) staff portal. Programs nominating 1st year students as of the upcoming fall term will need to provide the following information:

- Undergraduate institution
- Prior graduate institution, if applicable
- GPA (most current)
- One recommendation letter from the student's application OR one recommendation letter from a UCSF faculty member.
- CV or statement of academic achievements, including abstracts of published papers, all postsecondary honors and activities
- Copy of the transcript submitted with the application

Programs nominating students entering years 2-5 as of the upcoming fall term will need to provide at least the following information (see individual fellowship pages for additional requirements):

- A single faculty letter nominating the student, describing their potential, academic
achievements and significant research work

- CV, or statement of academic achievements, which may include abstracts of published papers, all postsecondary honors and activities
- Unofficial UCSF transcript

Programs are encouraged to nominate underrepresented minorities, students with physical challenges, and individuals from cultural, linguistic, geographic and socio-economic backgrounds who are underrepresented in graduate student and faculty populations. Students with AB 540 status [3] or are undocumented students are eligible to receive many of these fellowships. Refer to individual fellowship pages for citizenship requirements.

Terms and Conditions

Acceptance and expenditure of internal fellowship and award funds constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions:

- You will register at UCSF and devote yourself to full-time graduate study, dissertation research, or dissertation writing.
- You will maintain good academic standing and make satisfactory academic progress according to the standards and practices of UCSF.
- You will not hold an appointment with more than 50% effort in student academic title codes while school is in session. Fellowship recipients may have an appointment up to 100% time during intercession (December and June-August).
- You will inform the Graduate Division immediately of changes in your status that may affect your award. This includes: the receipt of other fellowships or awards, change in residency status, withdrawal, leave of absence, advancement to candidacy, change in degree objective, or graduation.
- You will keep your contact information updated through UCSF’s Student Portal. [4]

2017-2018 Fellowship and Award Recipients

Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) Scholarship [5]

Sarah Ackley  ? Epidemiology and Translational Science
Taylor Arhar ? Chemistry and Chemical Biology
Benjamin Barad ? Biophysics
Lauren Byrnes ? Developmental and Stem Cell Biology
Witney Chen ? Neuroscience
Stephanie Holden ? Neuroscience
Natanya Kerper ? Biomedical Sciences
Natalie Korn ? Bioengineering
Charlotte Nelson ? Biological and Medical Informatics
Diana Summers ? Tetrad
Jinny Sun ? Bioengineering
Tia Tummino ? Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacogenomics
Fletcher Jones Fellowship [6]

Yiran Chen ? Bioengineering
Sumitra Tatapudy ? Tetrad

Genentech Fellowship Program [7]

Jeremy Bancroft Brown ? Bioengineering
Leah Dorman ? Neuroscience
Emily Jones ? Biomedical Sciences
Madeline Keenen ? Tetrad
Megan Lo ? Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacogenomics
Hsuan Lung ? Oral and Craniofacial Sciences
Erin Poss ? Chemistry and Chemical Biology
Michael Reitman ? Neuroscience
Karen Ruiz ? Tetrad
Shohini Sen ? Bioengineering
Paul Thomas ? Biophysics
Ryan Tibble ? Chemistry and Chemical Biology
Melissa Truong ? Developmental and Stem Cell Biology

Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship [8]

Neville Bethel ? Biophysics
Melina Salvador ? Medical Anthropology
Meredith Van Natta ? Sociology

Julius R. and Patricia A. Krevans Fellowship [9]

Chadwick Campbell ? Sociology
Laureen Meier Bauer ? Nursing

Lloyd M. Kozloff Fellowship [10]

Alexandra Long ? Tetrad
Claire Tang ? Neuroscience

Matilda Edlund Fellowship [11]

Nathan Ersumo ? Bioengineering
Raphael Frankfurter ? Medical Anthropology
Michael Schoof ? Tetrad

Ralph H. Kellogg Endowed Chancellor?s Fellowship [12]

Denise Allen ? Biomedical Sciences

UC Dissertation-Year Fellowship Program [13]

Nadia Gaber ? Medical Anthropology
Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship [14]

Kristen Clark ? Nursing
Aaron Jackson ? History of Health Sciences

NIGMS Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) Fellowship Program [15]

Sean de la O ? Developmental and Stem Cell Biology
Yessica Gomez ? Biophysics
Carlos Johnson-Cruz ? Neuroscience
Dana Kennedy ? Tetrad
Donovan Trinidad ? Biomedical Sciences
Aaron Velasquez-Mao ? Bioengineering

Rosenberg-Hill Graduate Fellowship [16]

Maricianah Onono ? Global Health Sciences
Rosalie Winslow ? Sociology

Questions

Questions on Graduate Division fellowships may be directed to wendy.winkler@ucsf.edu [17]. Students should contact their program administrator [2] if they are interested in any of the fellowships detailed on the individual fellowship pages and summarized in the awards matrix [1].