

CALIFORNIA PRE-DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Commitment to Excellence with Diversity

2018-19 APPLICATION



2013-14 Scholar,
San Francisco State University



2009-10 Scholar,
Cal Poly Pomona



2014 Summer Research Experience- UC Irvine
CSU Fullerton, San Francisco State University, CSU Northridge



2013-14 Scholar,
San Jose State University

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CALIFORNIA PRE-DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The California State University (CSU) announces its California Pre-Doctoral Program for the 2018-19 academic year.

In 2018-19, the California Pre-Doctoral Program will award funds to approximately 70 juniors, seniors, and graduate students in the CSU. These funds are designed to enable these students to explore and prepare to succeed in doctoral programs in their chosen field of study. Awards are based on competitive review of student applications and given to current upper-division or graduate students who, in the judgment of the review panel, demonstrate academic excellence while having experienced economic or educational disadvantage, and who are committed to a career in teaching and research at the university level. All students are encouraged to apply.

PROGRAM DETAILS

The California Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase the diversity of the pool from which the California State University draws its faculty. It does so by supporting the doctoral aspirations of CSU students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages. A special emphasis is placed on increasing the number of CSU students who enter doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) programs at one of the University of California campuses.

Each of the applicants selected will be designated a **Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar** and will work closely with a CSU faculty sponsor to develop an overall plan that leads to enrollment in a doctoral program. The plan should be tailored to the specific goals and career objectives of the student.

In addition the program provides:

1. *Travel Funds* for the student to visit U.S. doctoral-granting institutions and/or to attend professional meetings appropriate to the student's development.
2. *Development Funds* for other related activities, such as student membership in professional organizations, subscriptions to academic journals, graduate school applications and test fees, GRE preparation, and the cost of minor research materials, for example.
3. *A Summer Research Experience* opportunity at a University of California campus or other U.S. major research university, fully funded by the Pre-Doctoral Program, so that the scholar can participate in doctoral-level research prior to enrolling in a Ph.D. program.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the California Pre-Doctoral Program must be upper-division or master's degree students who are enrolled at a CSU institution as of Spring 2018 and who will also be enrolled at a CSU campus for at least one semester (or two (2) quarter terms) of the academic year 2018-2019.

All CSU students may apply. Current or previous Pre-Doctoral Scholars are not eligible to re-apply. Each applicant must have a faculty sponsor from the student's home campus who will be available for the duration of the plan specified in the application. The program is designed for students interested in obtaining research doctorates. Students interested in obtaining professional masters or doctoral degrees (law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or an MBA degree, for example) are not eligible.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be selected on the basis of three major criteria: potential for success in completing a doctoral program, probable effectiveness of the student/faculty plan, and level of economic and educational disadvantage.

If you are interested in applying, you must immediately contact your campus Pre-Doctoral Coordinator for further information. Your approved online application, including transcripts, projected budget, letter of recommendation and faculty sponsor form from your faculty sponsor, and your essays, must be submitted electronically by no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 23, 2018, or the date set by your campus coordinator (whichever comes first). You can only gain access to the online submission process after being approved by your campus coordinator. **Be sure to check with your Campus Pre-Doctoral Program Coordinator for the internal campus deadline.**

2018-19 CALIFORNIA PRE-DOCTORAL PROGRAM APPLICATION

******You MUST meet with the Pre-Doc Campus Coordinator prior to submitting your application******
******This application MUST be submitted electronically******

I. General Information

Name: _____ Sex: _____
Last First Middle Male
Address: _____ Female
Street City Zip Code
Telephone: (____) _____ Email: _____
Please include area code Please provide an email, this is our main form of communication.

Are you currently enrolled in a CSU: Yes No First Generation College Student? Yes No

Ethnic Identity (for statistical purposes only)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicano(a)/Mexican American | <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic/Latino(a) | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |

Campus Student Identification Number: _____

1. II. Personal Information

A. What is the primary language spoken in your home? _____

B. Please indicate your parents' level of education:

Mother: No College Some College College Graduate Some Graduate School Completed Graduate School
Father: No College Some College College Graduate Some Graduate School Completed Graduate School

C. Please describe any disabilities you may have: _____

D. As an undergraduate, are/were you eligible for need-based financial aid? Yes No

E. Are you treated as an independent student for financial aid purposes? Yes No

F. What is your *personal* yearly income?

Less than \$12,000 \$12,001 - \$21,000 \$21,001 - \$35,000 More than \$35,000

G. What is your *family's* yearly income?

Less than \$30,000 \$30,001 - \$40,000 \$40,001 - \$45,000 More than \$45,000

H. How many hours per week do you work during school? 0 - 20 21+

I. Did your spouse or family provide major help with the cost of your undergraduate education? Yes No

III. Educational Information

CSU campus you are now attending: _____

Your class level as of spring 2018: Junior Senior Master's

Major: _____ Minor (if any): _____

Date you expect to receive your CSU degree: _____

If you are a graduate student, when did you receive your bachelor's degree? _____

Planned date of entry into a doctoral program: _____

Discipline in which you intend to pursue doctoral study: _____

G.P.A (Grade Point Average, 4.0 = A): _____
Undergraduate GPA GPA in Major Graduate GPA

Please provide your GRE scores: _____
Verbal Math Analytical Subject

If you do not have GRE scores, when will they be available? _____

IV. Essays

The following three essays will be used to assess your written communication skills as well as your readiness for and commitment to doctoral study. Please think carefully about what you would like to say, and compose your essay with care. ***Each essay should be approximately 300 – 600 words in length and must be typed.*** Be sure to include your name on each sheet that you attach.

1. Describe the field of study in which you would like to pursue a doctoral degree. What elements of your education, research, community service, and/or personal experience led you towards this interest?
2. How would this research contribute to the greater good? Describe the research questions that drive this research. What are the historical and theoretical perspectives of this research topic? Describe how this may fill a gap in the literature.
3. Describe why you wish to obtain a doctoral degree. Are you interested in becoming a faculty member at a college or university? What experiences will help you become more prepared for your future career as a faculty member?

Please upload your transcripts to the online application site. One (1) copy of your transcripts (official or unofficial) must be submitted with your application. Graduate students ***must*** include a copy of ***both*** undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all institutions, including the CSU.

Please read the statement below and sign where indicated:

The information I have submitted in my 2018-19 Pre-Doctoral Application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. You have my permission to provide my name, address, transcripts, and the information in this application to other educational institutions that may be interested in having me enroll in their graduate schools or summer research programs.

Name of Applicant: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

FACULTY SPONSOR APPLICATION

Faculty Sponsor Form

(To be completed by the Faculty Sponsor)

Faculty Sponsor Information

Faculty Sponsor Name: _____

Campus: _____ Department: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Email: _____
Please include area code

Name of Faculty Sponsor: _____

Signature of Faculty Sponsor: _____ Date: _ ____

1. May we share your name and contact information with faculty at doctoral-granting institutions who may be interested in calling you about this student? Yes No
2. Will you be on leave for any part of the 2018-19 academic year? Yes* No

*If Yes, please describe where you will be, the length of time you will be gone, and arrangements you plan to make to maintain contact with the applicant. (Faculty sponsors are expected to serve in that role throughout the award year.)

Comments:

Student Plan**Student Name:**

Please provide details on the components of the plan and assign a tentative dollar amount to each. An award of \$3,000 is made to each Scholar. **Please note that travel is permitted only within the U.S.**, and visits to doctoral degree-granting institutions are limited to those universities that are accredited. Summer research experiences are funded separately from this budget.

Activities	Dates Activities Will Occur	Estimated Cost
1. Visits to University of California campuses (specify):		
2. Visits to other doctoral-granting institutions (specify):		
3. Attendance at professional meetings, symposia, seminars, colloquia (specify): Student:		
4. Graduate school applications (all UC campuses waive application fees for Sally Casanova Scholars) and/or admission test fees, e.g. GRE (specify):		
5. Student memberships in professional organizations; subscriptions to professional journals; special software, minor upgrades of computer capacity, research materials, etc. NOTE: Research related expenditures (for example, computer software, computer memory upgrades, laboratory supplies) are limited to a total of \$500 (specify):		
Total Estimated Cost (Must add up to \$3,000):		

Letter of Recommendation *(To be completed by the Faculty Sponsor)*

On your campus or college letterhead, please provide details of the abilities, skills, mastery of theory and method, accomplishments, and motivation that are likely to contribute to this student's ability to succeed in doctoral study. If the student's undergraduate grade-point average is below 3.0, please explain why you believe this student should be considered.

Name of Faculty Sponsor: _____

Signature of Faculty Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

DUE DATES

Applications are due electronically by February 23, 2018. Check with the Pre-Doctoral Program coordinator at the campus to which the application will be submitted for their internal deadlines.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Please submit all documents in the application online in the appropriate areas provided. Note your application must be pre-approved by the campus coordinator where you are enrolled. All attached supporting documentation (transcripts, faculty letter of support, budget plan, and three essays) must be saved as a pdf and titled by your last name, first initial and document title (i.e. Gomez R essay 2) Documents must be submitted by the deadline set by the campus to which you submit, or February 23, 2018, whichever comes first.

Your application can only be fully submitted after all areas are completely filled out, all attachments are included and you have received approval from your campus coordinator.

CAMPUS COORDINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about this application process please contact your Campus Pre-Doctoral Coordinator by visiting this link: <http://www.calstate.edu/predoc/coordinators>

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Met with Campus Coordinator for Review of Application
- General Information
- Personal Information
- Educational Information
- Three Essays
- Faculty Sponsor Form
- Student Budget Plan
- Faculty Sponsor Recommendation Letter
- Transcripts
- Final Approval of Campus Coordinator to Submit Application Online