The Graduate Equity Fellowship – Funding for your graduate education

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The Graduate Equity Fellowship

Overview

The Graduate Equity Fellowship seeks to increase the diversity of students completing masters degree programs at the CSU, encourages continuation toward doctoral programs, and promotes consideration of university faculty careers. It provides fellowships for economically disadvantaged CSU students who have had success in overcoming educational disadvantages and promotes faculty mentoring and research opportunities

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How to apply:

- Apply through the CSUSB Scholarship portal: It will open on, or after October 21st – March 2nd, for the next academic year (AY 2025-26)

- Award amount: $500 - $2000

Awardee Activities: Awardees may be asked to represent graduate students at our Graduate Studies events and be asked to assist in outreach or other activities that support building a community of graduate scholars

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Eligibility Criteria

- California resident or have an AB540 affidavit on file

- Be admitted to, or currently in, a CSUSB master's graduate program by the effective date of the award*

- Complete a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)](#) or [California Dream Act Application (CADAA)](#) and, as determined by the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships, have a financial need of at least $1,000**

You may apply for the Graduate Equity Fellowship prior to notification of admission. If selected, your award will be contingent on your acceptance to your master's graduate program. You must have a myCoyote ID number in order to log into the Scholarship Portal to apply.

**The Graduate Equity Fellowship award may reduce other forms of financial aid awarded to you*

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Eligibility Criteria

• Be enrolled at least half-time (3 graduate level units) in an eligible master's graduate degree for the term(s) of your award allocation

• Have a graduate program GPA of 3.0 or higher

• Demonstrate the potential to succeed in graduate school and to complete a master's graduate degree program in no more than two years as evidenced by undergraduate coursework and letters of recommendation

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Application Requirements:

To be considered for the Graduate Equity Fellowship you must:

- Complete the Graduate Equity Fellowship personal statement

- Have **two** letters of recommendation from faculty members (CSUSB faculty preferred) requested, and submitted, by the application deadline

- Be enrolled in a master's degree program at CSUSB for the term(s) the award is scheduled to be distributed

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Resources

- Graduate Equity Fellowship

- On-Campus Scholarship Information from the Financial Aid Office

- Essay Guidelines and Tips for Completing the Application

- My contact information:

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Financial Aid Brochure
for Graduate Students

- Here is a one-stop-shop for all graduate school funding opportunities for grad students, along with the requirements for each individual opportunity.

- Please save the link to come back to this brochure when you might need to reference it!

Additional Information and Funding Resources

- **California Pre-Doctoral Program**: https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/financial-support/california-pre-doctoral-program

- **Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program:** https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/financial-support/chancellors-doctoral-incentive-program

- **The Merit-Based Presidential Scholarship:** https://www.csusb.edu/sites/default/files/CEGE%20-Presidental%20Merit-Based%20Scholarship%20Award%20Guide%20to%20Students%2020210607%20with%20hyperlink.pdf

- **Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships**: https://www.csusb.edu/financial-aid

- **Fastweb:** https://www.fastweb.com/

- **iGrad:** https://www.igrad.com/tools

- **Scholarships.com:** https://www.scholarships.com/

- **Over 60 Program:** https://www.csusb.edu/registrar/over-60-program

- **Office of Student Research –**
  - **Student Research and Travel**: https://www.csusb.edu/student-research/students/student-research-and-travel
  - **SSI Graduate Research Award**: https://www.csusb.edu/student-research/students/ssi-graduate-research-award **Graduate Extended Reality Research Scholarship:** https://www.csusb.edu/student-research/students/graduate-extended-reality-research-scholarship

Information and Funding Resources Cont.

- **Professional Resource Engagement Program:**

  https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/prep-program

- **Graduate Studies Financial Support Page:**

  https://www.csusb.edu/graduate-studies/financial-support

- **Federal Student Aid Page:** https://studentaid.gov/

- **The CSUSB Career Center:** https://www.csusb.edu/career-center

- **SMSU Financial Literacy Center:**

  https://www.csusb.edu/smsu/resources/financial-literacy-center

- **HOWL Program:** https://www.csusb.edu/howl-program

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Questions?

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