



UC Irvine doctoral students are vital to making new discoveries in science, health, technology, the arts, and to creating the knowledge that will enable us to understand and solve even the most challenging social, environmental, and technological problems. These students' success depends on support from the broader community, from people like you. Each fellowship opportunity below targets students at various critical junctures in their training and research, from recruitment through completion of the doctorate. For new fellowship gifts in the following categories, the UC Irvine Graduate Division will match, dollar-for-dollar, the annual payout in the case of endowed gifts, or the total gift in the case of expendable gifts*:

Public Impact Fellowships

The Public Impact Fellowship highlights and supports doctoral students whose current research has the potential for substantial impact in the public sphere. Awardees are involved in research designed to significantly improve or enrich the lives of Californians and/or national and global communities. Dollar-for-dollar match, and named if expendable gift or endowment payout \geq \$10,000

Graduate Dean's Recruitment Incentive Fellowships

Recruitment Incentive fellowships are used to enhance financial support packages of outstanding admitted doctoral or M.F.A. students who have received competitive admissions offers from other, excellent institutions.

- Dollar-for-dollar match, and named if expendable gift or endowment payout \geq \$2,500

Diversity Fellowships

Consistent with UC Irvine's commitment to diversity and excellence in doctoral education, diversity fellowships are merit-based, and intended to recruit, support, and retain students who are top in their fields and from diverse backgrounds.

- Dollar-for-dollar match, and named if expendable gift or endowment payout \geq \$5,000

Dissertation Quarter Fellowships

Dissertation Quarter Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis to students nearing completion of the dissertation. These awards allow students to forgo their non-research related employment obligations to concentrate on completing the dissertation.

- Dollar-for-dollar match, and named if expendable gift or endowment payout \geq \$5,000

New Endowed Fellowships

Graduate Division will match, dollar-for-dollar for 10 consecutive years, the annual payout for any newly endowed fellowship gift of or exceeding \$25,000.

*Matching doubles the impact of your generous gift, so we encourage you to consider supporting our excellent students enrolled in any of our over 70 doctoral programs. To learn more about fellowship funding opportunities, please contact Court Crowther at crowther@uci.edu. Prior to completing a gift agreement, you must seek authorization from Graduate Division to ensure that the gift is eligible for the matching program.



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I need to get prior authorization from Graduate Division indicating that they will match a gift?

Yes. If you are planning to encourage a donor to make a gift by indicating that the gift will be matched, you must receive authorization from Graduate Division prior to completing the gift paperwork. This will help to ensure that all parties know whether the prospective gift is eligible for a match.

2. What is the goal of Graduate Divisions gift matching program?

The goal of the program is to enable the university to recruit, retain, and graduate the best and brightest doctoral students.

3. How might my gift to support fellowships be used?

Gifted fellowship funds may only be used to pay student tuition and fees, and/or a student stipend.

4. Who should I contact about establishing doctoral fellowship endowment?

Please contact Assistant Graduate Dean, Court Crowther, with any questions.

5. Which students are eligible for fellowships?

Doctoral students in good academic standing in any of our 70+ doctoral programs are eligible for fellowships.

6. What are the criteria for doctoral students to receive a fellowship?

All fellowships are merit-based. Consequently, academic excellence is the primary criterion. This is measured through the student's academic record (grade point average), progress toward completion of the doctorate, the student's research record and creative endeavors, and faculty letters of recommendation.

7. How will donors to this program be recognized?

Recognition will be afforded to donors in various ways across the university with the approval of the donor and in conformance with university policy.

8. What is the source of the matching funds?

The funds used to match graduate fellowship gifts are university funds.

9. Will individual donors participate in the review/recommendation process for awarding graduate fellowships?

Individual donors will be able to participate in reviewing and recommending graduate fellowship recipients at the discretion of the Graduate Dean.