



Public Impact Fellowships

DEADLINE TO APPLY: Friday, October 21, 2016 at 5pm

Public Impact Fellowships highlight and support doctoral students whose current research has the potential for substantial impact in the public sphere. Ideal candidates will be involved in research designed to significantly improve or enrich the lives of Californians and/or national and global communities.

Award Amount

Graduate Division Public Impact Fellowships: \$12,000 (full award) or \$1,000 (honorable mention award) to be used as a stipend. All schools are eligible to nominate students to compete for a total of 14 fellowships. Each of the four full awardees will receive \$12,000. Ten honorable mention awardees each will receive \$1,000. Students may choose to accept the award during winter or spring 2017, or over both quarters, at their discretion. Please note that Public Impact Fellowships are intended to supplement, not replace, any funding that students may already be receiving.

Eligibility Criteria

For **UC Irvine Public Impact Fellowships**, nominees must, at *minimum*, meet the following criteria:

1. Maintain UCI GPA of 3.7 or higher through spring quarter 2016.
2. Be a current, full-time doctoral student who has advanced to candidacy.
3. Conduct research that has critical public impact. (Examples of relevant research include studies that aim to improve economic opportunity and well-being, health care, social justice, political participation, cultural engagement, and scientific or technical solutions to pressing social issues.)
4. Be willing to have research spotlighted/featured on both the Graduate Division's and UCI's website, brochures and social networks, and be able and available to effectively communicate and discuss their research in lay terms with prospective donors, legislators and/or their staff, and the media sometime during winter and spring quarters.
5. **If selected as a finalist**, students **must** be available to give a brief presentation to the selection committee, with no visual aids, immediately followed by a brief interview. These presentations and interviews will take place in mid-to-late November.

Nomination Process

Schools are asked to collect nominations from each department and then forward the most promising nominees, based on merit and the potential public impact of the student's research. There is no limit to the number of nominations each school may submit. The final selection committee will consider several factors when choosing the awardees, including the student's presentation, interview and their ability to convey their research to a broad audience; academic records, letters of recommendation, degree progress since matriculation into the program, and research impact.

Please consult with your graduate affairs staff member, as many programs and schools set earlier internal review deadlines.



DEADLINE to submit nominations to the Graduate Division: **5pm on Friday, October 21, 2016**. *Late or incomplete nomination packets will not be reviewed.*

- Student Information Form (**to be completed by the student**):
 1. Students should complete the Public Impact Student Information Form, available on the Graduate Division website at <http://www.grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/internal/public-impact.php>.
 2. Students must submit the completed the Student Information form as a Microsoft Word document via e-mail to their department (including the Student Profile and Student Research sections)
 1. Student Information forms must be saved in Microsoft Word as "IMPACT APP - SID#.doc", e.g. "IMPACT APP - 12345678.doc"
 2. Students must also provide the following items to their department:
 1. A printed/signed copy of the Student Information Form (including the Student Profile and Student Research sections)
 2. A current curriculum vitae
 3. A letter of recommendation from the student's faculty advisor
- Nomination Form (**to be completed by the department**):
 1. Departments should complete the Public Impact Nomination Form, available on the Graduate Division website at <http://www.grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/internal/public-impact.php>.
 2. Nomination forms should be saved in Microsoft Word as "IMPACT NOM - SID#.doc", e.g. "IMPACT NOM - 12345678.doc"
 3. Print the Nomination Forms and gather original signatures
 4. Once forms have been signed, scan documents to a single PDF file for each nominee in this order:
 1. Nomination Form (signed by the Faculty Advisor and Associate Dean)
 2. Student Information Form (signed by the student)
 3. Curriculum vitae
 4. Faculty advisor letter of recommendation

Save the new PDF file as "IMPACT - SID#.pdf", e.g. "IMPACT - 12345678.pdf"

When all documentation is complete, please send an email to [Kate Triglia](#) containing the following documents for each nominated student:

1. The completed Microsoft Word (.doc) Nomination Form
2. The completed Microsoft Word (.doc) Student Information Form
3. The PDF copy of the student's complete nomination packet (to include all items listed above)

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Note

- Students who receive full \$12,000 awards **may not** be appointed as ASEs during the award period, but may be appointed as GSRs. Students who receive \$1,000 honorable mention awards may be appointed as ASEs or GSRs.
- For students already receiving financial aid, acceptance of a Public Impact Fellowship may affect his or her overall financial need-based support package. In such cases, students are encouraged to consult with the UCI Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.
- Students should review the terms of any funding that they have accepted for AY 2016-2017 to ensure that they are eligible to receive additional fellowship funding.



- Previous Public Impact Fellowship winners (full awardees and honorable mentions) are not eligible for this year's competition.

Deadline

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Contact

Questions should be directed to [Kate Triglia](#), x4-9031.