

UC DAVIS GRADUATE STUDIES POLICY
Matching Commitments for External Fellowships
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Introduction

External fellowships and grants provide a valuable source of financial support, often enabling a graduate student to have considerable freedom to pursue his or her own research interests. Developing proposals for external support also offers valuable professional development opportunities and successful proposals enhance the CV of the student. For these reasons, the Office of Graduate Studies strongly encourages graduate students to explore all opportunities to obtain external support in the form of fellowships, research funding and dissertation writing grants.

Consistent with the objective of increasing the numbers of students who apply for and successfully compete for external fellowships, the Office of Graduate Studies has instituted an expanded matching commitment policy. In this context, a *matching commitment* represents the use of institutional funds to supplement graduate student support (stipend, tuition, university and campus fees, and nonresident supplemental tuition) that is provided by an external sponsor. Matching commitments act as incentives for graduate students and program faculty to seek external funding and support the ability of students to complete their programs of study.

The Office of Graduate Studies, in partnership with the graduate programs, provides matching commitments to encourage students to compete successfully for external awards. Graduate programs are encouraged to provide matching commitments to students who receive external awards not covered under the Graduate Studies policy.

Student Eligibility

Graduate Studies matching commitment support is available to all students who are enrolled full time through the Office of Graduate Studies and who are in good academic standing during the period covered by the fellowship award. Students in the professional degree programs in Medicine (MD), Veterinary Medicine (DVM), Law (JD) and Management (MBA) are not eligible. In addition, students in self-supporting degree programs (Clinical Research, Forensic Science, Maternal and Child Nutrition, Master of Professional Accountancy, International Commercial Law and Master of Laws) are not eligible for matching commitments. Education Credential/MA students are only eligible once they have been awarded the credential and have begun their master's year of study.

Students Simultaneously Awarded External and Internal Fellowships

It is frequently the case that students who are competitive for external fellowships are also competitive for internal UC Davis fellowships and are simultaneously awarded both. Due to the limited availability of internal fellowship funds and the need to be fair in awarding them to students, some restrictions may be imposed on the awarding of simultaneous internal and external fellowships. Furthermore, the funding agency may restrict an applicant from holding another fellowship award.

If a student receives a UC Davis internal fellowship stipend of \$10,000 or less per year, he/she may keep the internal fellowship and simultaneously hold an external fellowship in any amount unless precluded by the external funding agency. If a student receives an external fellowship and an internal fellowship with a stipend greater than \$10,000, the amount of the internal fellowship will be reduced to ensure that the total stipend does not exceed \$30,000 per year. As an alternative, it is possible to defer an internal fellowship to the following year in some cases.

Matching Program Description

Graduate Studies provides matching commitments in several categories. The details of stipend, tuition, university and campus fees, and nonresident supplemental tuition commitments are specific to the terms and conditions of the fellowship as determined by the awarding agency. These terms and conditions may be changed by the agency year-to-year; only the current version will apply. To simplify the commitments, the most common fellowships are grouped in three categories below. These lists are expected to be dynamic; suggestions for adding fellowships or questions regarding fellowships not on the lists may be directed to the External Fellowships Analysts (contact information is below). In cases where the matching commitment from Graduate Studies is limited, the graduate program is expected to contribute funds to ensure that each fellowship recipient is fully supported at a level agreed upon by the program. In addition, all matching commitments defined herein are subject to the terms and conditions of the external funder which may limit or disallow other financial support.

Application Procedure

In almost all cases, matching commitments are arranged by having the graduate program contact Graduate Studies on the student's behalf. Students should notify their programs when they receive an external award so the faculty and staff can work with Graduate Studies to furnish the student with an appropriate level of funding. Graduate programs are asked to complete the [External Fellowship Matching Commitment Request form \(GS5017\)](#) and a copy of the award letter specifying the amount and period of the award, and any other available information regarding the terms and conditions of the award. The form and award documents may be sent via mail or email to the External Fellowships Analyst in the Office of Graduate Studies.

Because graduate students' financial situations often change, for multi-year external fellowships, the responsible administrative staff must submit separate matching requests for each applicable academic year. Matching request should be submitted during the quarter preceding the start of the next award year. For example, if a nine-month external fellowship match needs to begin to be paid in the fall quarter, the request should be submitted during the preceding summer.

Types of Matching Commitments

Graduate Studies provides matching commitments on selected external fellowships awarded to UC Davis graduate students. The following criteria determine which fellowships are eligible:

- The fellowship is awarded directly to a graduate student and not to a program, department or faculty member;
- The fellowship is awarded by an agency, foundation or institution external to UC Davis;

- The student is registered and enrolled full time toward completion of his or her degree during the full award period. Employment during the award period at 25 percent time or greater, even if permitted by the awarding agency, could make the student ineligible for matching commitment support. For example, a graduate student researcher (GSR) with fee & tuition remission and nonresident supplemental tuition remission would be ineligible. A graduate student with a teaching appointment (TA/AI/Reader) may be eligible for nonresident supplemental tuition remission when applicable.

With increasing frequency, external agencies are limiting the amounts of the fee and tuition payments that are provided. Thus, the primary purpose of the Graduate Studies matching commitment policy is to address this shortfall. UC Davis will apply any “institutional allowance” or “cost of education allowance” that is intended by the external agency to pay fees and/or tuition for that intended purpose. Matching commitments from Graduate Studies will generally be provided to cover the balance of fees and tuition not paid by the external agency. It should be noted that some agencies treat health insurance fees in a separate category from other fees and tuition. Either the agency award or the matching commitment will cover health insurance unless the student obtains a UC SHIP waiver. In addition, some commitments provide nonresident supplemental tuition as a match to external or home government awards.

Category 1: Major External Fellowships

Category 1 fellowships are nationally or internationally competitive, prestigious, and open to students in multiple fields of study. They normally provide significant and often multi-year funding. For students who receive these awards, Graduate Studies will award 100 percent of the shortfall between the award for fees and tuition and the amount due for the duration of the fellowship tenure period. Graduate Studies will also provide a nonresident supplemental tuition fellowship (NRSTF) for the first year of graduate study if needed. In the case of fellowships that support research outside of California, students must register *In Absentia* and the matching commitment will cover the reduced fees and tuition.

Category 2: Split Matching Commitment External Fellowships

Category 2 fellowships are also competitive and prestigious, but some are limited to single fields of study. These awards provide students with partial support for a stipend or research activity. Many are intended to support students who will spend the entire award period conducting research outside the United States. For students who receive these awards, Graduate Studies and the graduate program are expected to share in the responsibility to pay the balance of fees, tuition and nonresident supplemental tuition (the latter only for the first year of study) on behalf of the student. In cases where the award is intended to support research in another country or state, the matching commitment is limited to sharing the expense of *In Absentia* registration.

Category 3: External Agency or Home Government Awards to International Students

Category 3 includes competitive and prestigious awards to international students from their home governments or external agencies and foundations. In general, these awards provide support for multiple years. Often, they do not provide for payment of nonresident

supplemental tuition. Graduate Studies will provide two years of nonresident supplemental tuition for doctoral students and one year for master's students.

Contacts

Graduate Students:

- Graduate programs in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, please contact Deborah McCook (dlmccook@ucdavis.edu)
- All other Graduate programs, please contact Kristin Provost (klprovost@ucdavis.edu)

Appendix: External Fellowship Categories **(Updated April 2014; latest revisions in bold)**

Category 1 (Graduate Studies provides full balance of fees and tuition for term of fellowship tenure and nonresident supplemental tuition in Year 1 if needed)

- AAUW American Dissertation Fellowship
- ACLS Luce Dissertation Fellowships in American Art
- American Heart Association - Predoctoral Fellowship (\$1000 “fringe benefit” is to be applied toward health insurance fees per AHA policy)
- American Society for Engineering Education SMART Scholarship (balance of UC SHIP fees not covered by fellowship only)
- BECAS Chile (support for English language instruction if needed and balance of UC SHIP fees not covered by fellowship)
- Brazil Science Without Borders (listed only for reference; fellowship pays full costs plus stipend)
- China Scholarship Council Under Signed Agreement with UC Davis (listed only for reference; fellowship pays full costs plus stipend)
- Boren Fellowship for International Study (match only for study outside US to cover *In Absentia* fees and tuition for one year)
- Department of Energy, Office of Science Graduate Fellowship
- EPA Star
- Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
- Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship
- Fulbright-Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (match only for *In Absentia* fees and tuition for one year less UC SHIP fees)
- Fulbright U.S. Student (match only for study outside US to cover *In Absentia* fees and tuition for one year)
- Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowships
- Hertz Foundation Fellowship (listed only for reference; fellowship pays full costs plus stipend)
- Howard Hughes Medical Institute Int'l Research Fellowship
- Jacob Javits (USDE) Fellowship
- Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship (NESSF) Program

- NASA Graduate Student Researchers Program (GSRP)
- NASA Aeronautics Scholarship Program
- NASA Jenkins Predoctoral Fellowship
- National Physical Science Consortium (NPSC)
- NIH NRSA Individual Fellowships (F31) (Graduate Studies pays balance of fees and tuition not covered by NIH. UC SHIP fee to be paid from institutional allowance per NIH policy unless student waives out of UC SHIP)
- NIH NRSA Individual Fellowship (F30) (only during PhD portion of studies) (Graduate Studies pays balance of fees and tuition not covered by NIH. UC SHIP fee to be paid from institutional allowance per NIH policy unless student waives out of UC SHIP)
- National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship (listed for reference; fellowship pays full costs plus stipend)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (match only for study outside US to cover *In Absentia* fees and tuition for one year)
- **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada) Doctoral Fellowship**
- SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship (match only for *In Absentia* fees and tuition for one year)
- UC MEXUS-CONACYT Doctoral Fellowship (listed only for reference; fellowship pays full costs plus stipend)
- USDA NIFA AFRI Predoctoral Fellowships Grant Program
- Woodrow Wilson Foundation - Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (match only for *In Absentia* fees and tuition for one year)

Category 2 (Graduate Studies provides 50 percent of fees, tuition and nonresident supplemental tuition [the latter only for the first year of study] not covered by granting agency; the graduate program is expected to pay the remaining 50 percent)

- **AAUW International Doctoral Fellowship**
- American Antiquarian Society Short Term Visiting Academic Research Fellowships
- ACLS Dissertation Writing Fellowships in East European Studies
- ACLS African Humanities Program Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- American Psychological Foundation Elizabeth Munsterberg Koppitz Child Psychology Fellowship (match for primary awards only)
- American Physiological Society Porter Physiology Development Fellowship
- American Society for Microbiology Robert D. Watkins Graduate Research Fellowship
- **Autism Science Foundation**
- Folger Shakespeare Library Short Term Fellowship (*In Absentia* fees and tuition only)
- Gates Millennium Scholars (graduate program also augments stipend)
- GEM MS Engineering Fellowship (graduate program also augments stipend)
- GEM PhD Engineering Fellowship/GEM PhD Science Fellowship (Graduate Studies commitment for Year 1 only, program commitment for subsequent years)
- Guru Gobind Singh Fellowship (UC award administered through UCSC)

- Huntington Library Short Term Huntington Fellowship
- Intel Corporation Ph.D. Fellowship Program
- Leakey Foundation Baldwin Fellowship
- Leakey Foundation Research Grant (match only for *In Absentia* fees and tuition for one year)
- Link Foundation Energy Field/Ocean Engineering
- Link Foundation Advanced Simulation & Training Fellowships
- Max Kade Foundation
- National Academy of Education Spencer Dissertation Fellowship
- **Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Postgraduate Scholarship-PhD Award only**
- Newberry Short Term Fellowships (*In Absentia* fees and tuition only)
- NVIDIA Graduate Fellowship Program (fees, tuition, and nonresident supplemental tuition)
- UC Pacific Rim Advanced Graduate Research Fellowship (If the student is conducting research outside of California the match is only for *In Absentia* fees and tuition for one year)
- UNCF Merck Graduate Science Dissertation Research Fellowship
- UC MEXUS Grants for Dissertation Research (If the student is conducting research outside of California the match is only for *In Absentia* fees and tuition for one year)
- **UCSD NMFS Sea Grant Program**
- **UCSD Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship**
- **UCSD Graduate Trainee Program**
- U.S. Borlaug Fellows in Global Food Security Program (*In Absentia* fees and tuition only for the period of the award)
- WWF Kathryn Fuller Doctoral Fellowship (match only for study outside US to cover *In Absentia* fees and tuition for one year)

Category 3 (Graduate Studies provides nonresident supplemental tuition; one year for master's students and two years for doctoral students)

- China Scholarship Council – UC Davis Fellowships (only those awarded under the special agreement)
- Fulbright (non-US; IIE and LASPAU)
- Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF)
- Vietnam International Education Development (VIED) program