

GRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM (GRMP)

Department Nomination Deadline: April 1, 2009

Guidelines and Information

The distinctive purpose of GRMP is to assist recipients in acquiring and developing sophisticated research skills under faculty mentorship. The program's goal is to increase the number of students who persist towards the doctoral degree and show promise as candidates for faculty appointments.

Eligibility

Continuing doctoral (or Masters/Doctoral) graduate students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. At the time of application, the student must be advanced to doctoral candidacy and a registered graduate student in a full-time program at UCSB, or on an approved Leave of Absence in Spring Quarter of the current year. Applicants must demonstrate high academic performance and promise, and make a contribution to the graduate population in at least one of the following ways: low family socio-economic status; experience of a condition impeding advancement to graduate study (such as but not limited to the absence of a family member who had attended college; educational disadvantages such as matriculation in a school or schools with poor financial or curricular support; having a physical or mental special need; the necessity to work long hours while attending school; language background at home other than English); commitment to advancing economically or educationally disadvantaged segments of society (such as but not limited to academic research interests focusing on cultural, societal or educational problems as they affect economically or educationally underrepresented or disadvantaged segments of society); expressed interest in the use of the doctoral degree toward advancing economically or educationally disadvantaged segments of society.

To receive this award, students must not be receiving any other fellowship support, including the two years of departmental support of any four-year fellowship package. A student may receive the GRMP no more than twice during the student's academic career at UCSB.

Doctoral P3 (2A) class level students are not eligible for central fellowship funds. (A student enrolled for more than 9 quarters since advancement to doctoral candidacy is P3 class level.) For example, if Spring 2009 is a student's seventh registered quarter since advancement to candidacy, that student is not eligible to apply for this fellowship.

Terms of the Award

This award will provide a \$16,000 stipend for the academic year plus the payment of fees and health insurance. Award recipients must maintain continuous full-time enrollment and good academic standing at UCSB throughout the entire tenure of this award.

Award Determination

Applications are reviewed by a multidisciplinary faculty committee that makes the selections based on the applicant's academic merit, quality of the proposal, the proposed mentorship component between the candidate and the faculty mentor, the provisions for monitoring student progress. Awardees will be notified by mail, in care of the campus academic departments, by June of the current year.

Application

1. **Cover Sheet** (see attached)
2. **Curriculum Vitae**
3. **Project Plan** - the proposed project should be described in a plan (900-1200 words, double-spaced) and how this project will contribute towards the applicant's dissertation
4. **Diversity Statement** - from the applicant identifying his/her contributions to the diversity of UCSB's graduate student population. The statement should be no longer than 1 page, and should address the potential contributions outlined in the eligibility section above.
5. **Letters of Recommendation** - two sealed letters sent from faculty members with at least one from the student's mentor. The faculty mentor's letter of support should discuss the student's project and qualifications. The faculty member must agree to supervise the student during the tenure of the award and should detail his/her role as the mentor.

While the inclusion of undergraduates as part of the research project is **not** required, it is strongly urged for the graduate applicant to do so. Those who wish to include undergraduates should contact Undergraduate Special Projects in the College of Letters and Science or the Minority Education Program in the College of Engineering after the award has been made to ensure that the undergraduate student selected to participate in this research project receives academic credit.

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COVER SHEET

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Materials Submitted:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cover Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Vitae	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Plan
	<input type="checkbox"/> Diversity Statement		
Letters of recommendation to be sent under	1.	_____	
separate cover by:	2.	_____	

Name _____ Perm _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Department _____

Date Advanced to Doctoral Candidacy _____

Project Title _____

Name of Faculty Advisor/Mentor _____

It is required that applicants submit the FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid–
www.fafsa.ed.gov) for 2009-10 and have need analysis information in place at the Financial Aid Office prior
to submitting this application. While it is not necessary to be financially needy to receive this award, as a
public institution a large share of our fellowship funds are provided through financial aid monies and each
fellowship recipient is required to file the form.

Please indicate the date you submitted the 2009-10 FAFSA _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION – Faculty Mentor

Applicant Name _____

Please evaluate the research project and academic qualifications of the applicant. Please type. You may submit a separate letter or use this form.

PROJECT: (significance, feasibility, etc.)

DETAILS OF YOUR ROLE AS A MENTOR FOR THIS PROJECT:

APPLICANT: (academic record and promise; please indicate in what percentile this student falls compared to other students you have supervised.)

Faculty Mentor's Name (please print) _____

Faculty Mentor's Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____

Department _____

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Applicant Name _____

Please evaluate the research project and academic qualifications of the applicant. Please type. You may submit a separate letter or use this form.

PROJECT: (significance, feasibility, etc.)

TIMELINESS: (Is this the appropriate time in the student's career to apply for a research mentorship award?)

APPLICANT: (academic record and promise; please indicate in what percentile this student falls compared to other students you have supervised.)

Recommender's Name (please print) _____

Recommender's Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____

Department _____