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**CHANCELLOR'S CLUB FUND FOR EXCELLENCE FELLOWSHIPS**

**2021-2022
Call for Nominations**

# Chancellor's Club Fund for Excellence Fellowships

The Graduate Division is pleased to announce the AY 2021-2022 competition for the **Chancellor's Club Fund for Excellence Fellowships**. All Schools are invited to submit one nomination each.

Chancellor's Club Fellowships are intended to recognize our most academically superior doctoral and MFA students — those who exhibit outstanding promise as scholars, researchers, and public leaders. Please note, nominated students must be first-generation college students, with neither parent having received a four-year degree.

## Award Amount

Each Chancellor's Club Fellowship recipient will be awarded a six-month stipend to total $12,000 for the period of January 2022 through June 2022. **These fellowships do not include tuition and fees.** Awardees' Schools will be expected to cover the cost of the tuition and fees for Winter 2022 and Spring 2022.

## Deadline

All nomination materials must be received by the Graduate Division no later than **Friday, October 22, 2021**. Please send a completed/signed nomination PDF of each nominee's materials to Turner Dahl at tdahl@uci.edu. Questions about this fellowship program may be directed to Turner via e-mail or by calling x4-0490.

## Applicant Qualifications

**Nominees must meet the following <u>minimum</u> criteria:**
1. Plan to complete their Ph.D. or MFA degree by the end of fall quarter 2022
2. Have a minimum graduate-level UCI GPA of 3.7
3. If a doctoral student, be advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. by October 22, 2021
4. Demonstrate financial need
5. Be willing to present their dissertation research at a Chancellor's Club dinner or other function
6. Exhibit excellent interpersonal and leadership abilities
7. Be a first-generation college student, with neither parent having received a four-year degree

**Stipulations:**
- Students receiving this award are required to file all final degree paperwork by the end of fall quarter 2022. **Award funds will be returned by the school to Graduate Division if the student does not meet this requirement.**
- The faculty advisor's letter of recommendation should include the student's expected graduation date and express the advisor's level of confidence in the student's ability to complete as planned.

- If students have applied for and accepted Financial Aid loans or Work-Study awards and subsequently receive any fellowships, the additional support may affect their eligibility for need-based financial aid. Students should contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to determine if their eligibility will be affected. Students should also review the terms of any funding that they have accepted for AY 2021-2022 to ensure that they are eligible to receive additional fellowship funding.
- Awardees **may not** be appointed as ASEs during the award period, but may be appointed as GSRs.

## Nomination Process

Your school is asked to collect nominations and forward the one most promising nominee, based on <u>merit</u> and <u>student need</u>. Nominations will be evaluated using the following criteria:
- Demonstration of financial need
- Evidence of strong communication skills
- Demonstration of leadership ability
- Academic achievements and promise
- Likelihood of degree completion by the end of fall quarter 2022

**All nomination packages should include the following:**
- A completed Chancellor's Club Fellowship Nomination Form
- A completed Chancellor's Club Student Information Form, including the financial need, student profile, and student research sections
- The student's current curriculum vitae
- A confidential letter of recommendation from the faculty advisor/mentor including the student's planned term of graduation and expressing the advisor's level of confidence in the student's ability to complete as planned

## Contact

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