Graduate Equity Fellowship 2025-2026 Application

Description

The [Graduate Equity Fellowship](#) program provides support for economically disadvantaged graduate students, especially from groups who are underrepresented within their respective disciplines. Students must demonstrate the potential to succeed in graduate school and to complete a graduate degree program in no more than two years as evidenced by undergraduate coursework and letters of recommendation.

Fellowships range from $500 to $2,000 for an academic year depending on the demonstrated need. Students may receive awards for a maximum of two academic years, but they must apply each year.

Post-baccalaureate, second master's degree students and doctoral students are *ineligible*.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Students that are legal California residents
- Master's students (not available for second master's degree students or doctorate students) that are conditional classified or classified
- Completed the free FAFSA or Dream Act application
- Enroll in at least 6 units of graduate work related to the master's degree for the *fall and spring semesters*
- Maintain a 3.00 GPA
- Have at least $1,000 of financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office

Interested students should complete an application and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, available online at www.fafsa.gov. Those eligible for the CA Dream Act application can apply online at https://dream.csac.ca.gov/.

Application Submission Checklist

- **Student Essay**: The essay should address specific circumstances that contribute to the need as well as your academic progress toward earning your degree. Limit 1 page (single spaced, or 2 double spaced).
- **Graduate Advisor Endorsement**: The [completed form](#) will be uploaded to your application.
- **Unofficial transcripts** from all undergraduate coursework (and unofficial SDSU transcripts for continuing Master's students).
- **Two letters of recommendation** (preferably from faculty members). The letters of recommendation do not have to come from SDSU faculty members. They can come from faculty members from your undergraduate institution. You will upload the letters into the Google Form application. If you recommender(s) prefer to send their letter directly to the College of Graduate Studies, please have them send it to

grad.scholarships@sdsu.edu to let us know and we will add it to your application file once it's received.

Important Reminder

The [Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities (CSRR)](#) and the student's home college will be consulted to ensure that the student is in compliance with the [Student Code of Conduct](#) and/or their program's Graduate Professional Standards.

- **Award nominees <u>and</u> current awardees**: A nomination or award is subject to being deemed ineligible if (a) it is determined by CSRR that the student is in violation of the Student Code of Conduct and/or (b) if the program notifies the College of Graduate Studies that the student has violated their program's Graduate Professional Standards.

How to Apply

The Graduate Equity Fellowship 2025-2026 application will be open from July 7, 2025 through September 5, 2025 at 11:59 pm Pacific Time. Applications received after this period will not be considered.

Please contact grad.scholarships@sdsu.edu with any questions.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

2. First Name *

3. Last Name *

4. EMPLID (9-digit number beginning with a "1") *

5. Graduate Program *

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6. Graduate Advisor Endorsement *

Please upload the completed form.

Files submitted:

7. Highest Degree Received *

Check all that apply.

☐ B.A. - Bachelor of Arts

☐ B.Sc. - Bachelor of Sceince

☐ Other: _____

8. Highest Degree School *

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9. Highest Degree Date *

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Example: January 7, 2019

10. Unofficial transcripts from all undergraduate coursework (and unofficial SDSU   *
    transcripts for continuing Master's students)

Please upload **a pdf** of your unofficial transcripts. If you have more than one transcript, please combine them into **one pdf**.

Files submitted:

11. Student Essay *

Please upload a **pdf** of your student essay. The essay should address specific circumstances that contribute to the need as well as your academic progress toward earning your degree. Limit 1 page (single spaced, or 2 double spaced).

Files submitted:

12. Letters of recommendation

Please upload pdfs of your letters of recommendation.
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