**HOW TO APPLY FOR GRADUATE FUNDING FOR 2017-18**

The Graduate Financial Aid Committee is now accepting applications for Graduate Division Central Fellowships for 2017-18. **THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS, INCLUDING LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, IS MONDAY. MARCH 13 at 9:00 a.m.** To apply, read and follow the instructions below. Be sure to consult with your advisor as you are preparing your application materials. Submit your application and supporting materials to Darcy Ritzau. NO STAPLES PLEASE, use paper/binder clip. DO NOT DOUBLE SIDE your materials.

**Fellowship cover sheets can be accessed on the Graduate Division website at:**

[**http://graddiv.ucsb.edu/forms/Competitions2017**](http://graddiv.ucsb.edu/forms/Competitions2017)**.**

**ELIGIBILITY**

* All domestic students MUST have the FAFSA on file to be considered for funding. The deadline for submitting your FAFSA is March 2, 2017. ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))
* P3 students and students beyond time to degree are **ineligible** for fellowship funding. If uncertain of your status, please check with Darcy.

**CENTRAL FELLOWSHIPS: GENERAL**

**Graduate Opportunity Fellowship/Graduate Research Mentorship Program:** MA/PhD domestic or permanent residents may apply. Fellowship assists recipients in acquiring and developing research skills under faculty mentorship. For students who contribute to the diversity mission of the university (see text attached to GOF/GRMP cover sheet). $24,000 plus payment of in-state fees and health. You do NOT need to be advanced to candidacy to apply for the GOF/GRMP.

Submit the following:

* GOF/GRMP Cover Sheet
* 1 letter of rec from faculty advisor (mention must be made of faculty mentorship)
* CV (2 page-max, single-spaced)
* Diversity statement (1-page max, single-spaced)
* Description of research project/research interest (one to two pages, single-spaced). Succinctly state your objective and the significance of your research. May include objectives of study, background/content of investigation, research approach and procedures, schedule of research, your qualifications and preparations for this project, anticipated results and significance of results.

**CENTRAL FELLOWSHIPS: DISSERTATION-LEVEL**

**Graduate Humanities Research Assistant Program:** PhD domestic or permanent resident students from the humanities who are conducting research of a humanistic nature. Must be advanced by March 17, 2017. $24,000 stipend and payment of in-state fees and health.

Submit the following:

* Graduate Humanities Research Assistant Program Cover Sheet
* 1 letter of recommendation from faculty advisor
* CV (2-page max, single-spaced)
* Description of research project/research interest (2-page max, single-spaced). Succinctly state your objective and the significance of your research. May include objectives of study, background/content of investigation, research approach and procedures, schedule of research, your qualifications and preparations for this project, anticipated results and significance of results.

**EXIT FELLOWSHIPS**

**Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship:** PhD. domestic or international students may apply. One-quarter fellowship designed to free recipient from TA or non-academic employment obligations, enabling full attention to dissertation writing. Must be advanced to candidacy. Financial need is a critical component. This is a one-time award and is expected to be the final award before filing. Stipend of $7500 plus payment of in-state fees and health.

Submit the following:

* Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship Cover Sheet
* 1 letter of recommendation from faculty advisor
* CV (2-page max, single-spaced)
* Description of research project (1-2 pages, single-spaced) Must include schedule/timetable of completion details

**President’s Dissertation Year Fellowship:**  Allows PhD students to devote full attention to completing the dissertation in a twelve-month period. The goal is to increase the number of students who contribute to the diversity mission of the university (see text attached to cover sheet). There must be a clearly defined, vital mentor relationship between student and advisor that will encourage completion of the degree during the fellowship year. Must be US citizen, permanent resident, or student who qualify for an NRST exemption under AB 540. Must be within p2 status and time-to-degree. Stipend of $24,000, plus $500 for research, and payment of in-state fees and health.

Submit the following:

* President’s Dissertation Cover Sheet
* 1 letter of rec from faculty advisor
* CV (2-page max, single-spaced)
* Diversity Statement (1-page max, singe-spaced)
* Description of research project (1-2 pages max, single-spaced) Must include schedule/timetable of completion details.