

# UC President's Pre-Professoriate Fellows (PPPF)

## 2022-23 Call for Nominations

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The Graduate Division is requesting departmental nominations for the UC President's Pre-Professoriate Fellowship (PPPF). This program is funded by the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) in an effort to enhance faculty diversity and pathways to the professoriate for underrepresented students from California Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs). Please read the information below and please nominate your students accordingly.

## About

The University of California (UC) Office of the President launched the UC President's Pre-Professoriate Fellowship (PPPF) as part of its Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Doctoral Diversity Initiative (DDI) on September 30, 2019.

### Aims

The UC-Hispanic Serving Institutions Doctoral Diversity Initiative (UC-HSI DDI) aims to enhance faculty diversity and pathways to the professoriate for underrepresented students from California Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs). The program's goal is to enhance faculty pathways for historically underrepresented groups particularly Latinx, African Americans, American Indian/Native Americans, Filipinx, and Pacific Islanders in all disciplines; women in STEM; and Asian American's in the humanities and social sciences.

### Award

Each Pre-Professoriate Fellow will receive the following:

- \$30,000 stipend for one academic year
- \$10,000 in professional development funds for the student to use during their Ph.D. tenure towards opportunities that will expose, prepare and inspire fellows to pursue the professoriate.
- Graduate Division will select a total of two fellows.

## Eligibility

The program's goal is to enhance faculty pathways for historically underrepresented groups, particularly Chicanx/Latinx, African Americans, American Indians/Native Americans, Filipinx, and Pacific Islanders in all disciplines; women in STEM; and Asian Americans in the humanities and social sciences. The intent of the program is to provide fellowships for domestic historically underrepresented minorities from federally-designated California HSIs. For purposes of this fellowship, AB540 students are eligible. International students are not eligible for this fellowship.

This UC PPPF is only available to UC doctoral students who are matriculated in academic PhD programs and have advanced to candidacy. MFA students are eligible given that the MFA is a terminal degree. Professional students (e.g. M.D., J.D.) are not eligible.

Master's en route: if a student did not earn a bachelor's degree from a California HSI, and was not enrolled in a master's program at a California HSI, but was awarded a master's degree en route to the PhD (at a UC HSI), that student should NOT be considered eligible for this fellowship. If a student was enrolled in and completed a master's degree at a California HSI (including a UC HSI), that student is eligible for the fellowship (regardless of whether or not the student completed a bachelor's degree at a California HSI). It is incumbent upon the graduate divisions to ensure that this guideline is followed. Beyond being contrary to the spirit of the Initiative, awarding the fellowship to a UC HSI student who earned a master's en route to a PhD but does not hold a bachelor's degree from a California HSI creates inequity for UC students, since not all PhD programs award a master's degree en route.

Please note UC San Diego is [not yet designated as an HSI](#), so UC San Diego bachelor's and master's degree alumni are not eligible.

### Nominees for the UC President's Pre-professoriate fellowship must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident. For purposes of this fellowship, AB540 students are eligible. International students are not eligible for this fellowship.
- Be matriculated in an academic Ph.D. or in an M.F.A. program.
  - Professional students are not eligible (e.g. M.D./Pharm.D.)
- Must have received their bachelor's or master's degree (please see Master's definitions and criteria above) from a [California Hispanic Serving Institution \(CA HSI\)](#)—public or private. Associate degrees from California community colleges do not meet the criteria/eligibility.
- Be an exceptional student (as demonstrated by their research achievements).
- Have advanced to candidacy prior to being selected for the fellowship.
- Must have letters of support from Faculty Advisor(s) that address the student's performance and potential as an exceptional academic, and comment on the likelihood that the student will pursue a professoriate path after receiving their PhD.
- Must have a demonstrated record of advancing issues of inclusion, equity, and diversity; actively supporting underrepresented communities; and show commitment to pursuing these efforts throughout their career.

## Nomination Materials

The nomination materials must sent as a single PDF file.

- [Nomination Form](#) - Use this Google Form to submit your nomination, a preview of the form can be found below:



- Nominee CV (3-page max)
- Student Statement (1-page max)
  - This statement should be written by the nominee and should demonstrate a record of advancing issues of inclusion, equity, and diversity; actively supporting underrepresented communities; and shows commitment to pursuing these efforts throughout their career.
  - Format of the statement should be single-spaced with one-inch margins and be typed in Calibri 11-point font.
  - Two letters of support from Faculty [Align left](#)
  - One of these letters must be from the student's advisor
  - The letters must address the student's performance and potential as an exceptional academic and **comment on the likelihood that the student will pursue a professoriate path** after receiving their PhD.

## Nomination Process

A department may nominate as many students as they deem appropriate. For document submission please follow the next steps.

1. Prepare the [nomination materials](#) mentioned above
2. Use [Google Form to submit nomination materials](#) as a single PDF by the deadline

If you have any questions about the nomination process please email [abjornsen@ucsd.edu](mailto:abjornsen@ucsd.edu).

## Deadline

All nomination materials are due by **Wednesday, January 12, 2022**.

## Resources

- [Nomination Form](#)
- [California Hispanic Serving Institutions \(HSIs\)](#)
- [More information about UC-Hispanic Serving Institutions Doctoral Diversity Initiative \(UC-HSI DDI\)](#)

## Current + Past Fellows

Year of Award	Name	Department
2022-2023	Erica Ferrer	Scripps Institution of Oceanography
2022-2023	Bianca Freeman	Political Science
2020-2021	Katherine Garcia	Education Studies
2020-2021	Jessica Miguel	Education Studies
2020-2021	Ramon Stephens	Education Studies

Please note there were no fellows named for the 2021-22 academic year.

## FAQs

**Question:** The requirement states students must have advanced to candidacy prior to being selected for the fellowship, by what date must a student advance in order to qualify?

**Answer:** *The fellowship nomination review and selection process will begin the day after the listed deadline, so nominees should have advanced to candidacy by the nomination due date and this should be apparent in the Graduate Division's student database. Nominees who have not advanced by the start of the review process will not be considered.*