CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO
GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

CSU Sacramento has long pursued the goal of achieving a student body and faculty that reflects the diversity of the state, inclusive of those from a broad range of cultural, linguistic, geographic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. A diverse graduate student body is critical to promoting lively intellectual exchange. In addition, graduate students in various academic disciplines form the pool of academic leaders for the future. Thus, individuals from various cultural, geographic, and socioeconomic backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply. In accordance with state law, applicants for fellowships may not be given preferential treatment on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, color, religion, or national origin. The intent of these fellowships is to provide access to higher education for student who might otherwise find it difficult or impossible to successfully pursue graduate study.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicant has experienced various impediment to attaining entry to graduate school; impediments can be the absence of a family member who attended college; matriculation in a school or schools with poor financial or curricular support; have a physical or learning disability; or
- Academic research interest focusing on cultural, societal, or educational problems as they affect educationally disadvantaged segments of society; or
- Evidence of an intention to use the degree toward the fostering of diversity in the field of education or society.
- California Resident.
- Admitted and enrolled as a classified or conditionally classified graduate student.
- Apply for financial aid and demonstrate a minimum financial need of $1,000.00 as determined by the Financial Aid Office.
- Applicant must be eligible for Federal financial aid.
- Enrolled as a full time (8 units or more of graduate level courses) classified graduate student while receiving the Fellowship; or enrolled in a 500 series course.

TO APPLY FOR THE FELLOWSHIP, PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- Graduate Equity Fellowship Application
- Written response to four questions listed in #16 of the application. Written response to each question should not exceed 1 page double spaced per question.
- A copy of ALL college transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable).
- TWO Recommendation Forms; Sacramento State faculty preferred.
- Proof of eligibility for Financial Aid (Student Aid Report)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: All applications must be emailed/submitted by May 7, 2021.

Please email completed packets to graddiversity@csus.edu.

If you have any questions, please email graddiversity@csus.edu.

Please note: you MUST apply AND be eligible for financial aid to be eligible for the Graduate Equity Fellowship Award. Priority for funding will be given to those applicants who submit their packets by the May due date.