

2026-27 CALIFORNIA PRE-DOCTORAL PROGRAM APPLICATION

I. General Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____
Please include area code Please provide an email, this is our main form of communication.

Are you currently enrolled at a CSU: ☐ Yes ☐ No First Generation College Student? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did you receive an A.A. or A.S. degree at a Community College? ☐ Yes ☐ No Name of CC: _____

Ethnic Identity (for statistical purposes only)

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| ☐ African American | ☐ Asian American | ☐ Pacific Islander |
| ☐ Chicano(a)/Mexican American | ☐ Filipino | ☐ White/Caucasian |
| ☐ Other Hispanic/Latino(a) | ☐ American Indian | ☐ Other (specify): _____ |

Campus Student Identification Number (nine digits): _____

1. II. Personal Information

A. What is the primary language spoken in your home? _____

B. Please identify which family situation best identifies your upbringing: Drop down menu

C. Please indicate your parents' level of education:

Parent 1: ☐ No College ☐ Some College ☐ College Graduate ☐ Some Graduate School ☐ Completed Graduate School

Parent 2: ☐ No College ☐ Some College ☐ College Graduate ☐ Some Graduate School ☐ Completed Graduate School

D. Please describe any disabilities you may have: _____

E. As an undergraduate, are/were you eligible for need-based financial aid? ☐ Yes ☐ No

F. Are you treated as an independent student for financial aid purposes? ☐ Yes ☐ No

G. If yes to question F: What is your *personal* yearly income?

☐ Less than \$12,000 ☐ \$12,001 - \$21,000 ☐ \$21,001 - \$35,000 ☐ More than \$35,000

H. If no to question F: What is your *family's* yearly income?

☐ Less than \$30,000 ☐ \$30,001 - \$40,000 ☐ \$40,001 - \$45,000 ☐ More than \$45,000

I. How many hours per week do you work during school? ☐ 0 - 10 ☐ 11-20 ☐ 21-30 ☐ 31+

J. Did your spouse or family provide major help with the cost of your undergraduate education? ☐ Yes ☐ No

III. Educational Information

CSU campus you are now attending: _____

Your class level as of spring 2026: ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Masters

Major: _____ Minor (if any): _____

Date you expect to receive your CSU degree: _____

If you are a graduate student, when did you receive your bachelor's degree? _____

Planned date of entry into a doctoral program: _____

Discipline in which you intend to pursue doctoral study: _____

G.P.A (Grade Point Average, 4.0 = A): _____
Undergraduate GPA GPA in Major Graduate GPA

Please provide your GRE scores: _____
Verbal Math Analytical Subject

When will your GRE scores be available, if applicable? _____

IV. Essays

The following three essays will be used to assess your written communication skills as well as your readiness for and commitment to doctoral study. Please think carefully about what you would like to say, and compose your essay with care. **Each essay should be approximately 300 – 600 words in length.**

1. Describe a field of study you would like to pursue for a doctoral degree. What are the specific research questions or theoretical perspectives that interest you? What activities or achievements from past experiences have helped you develop important knowledge and skills related to these research interests? Be specific about your interests, but please use language that someone outside of your discipline would understand.
2. Describe your interest in a faculty career at a college or university that serves a diverse student body. What specific research mentoring or teaching activities interest you based on your past experiences? How have these experiences developed interpersonal skills related to working with people from different backgrounds? Be specific with concrete examples of leadership or group activities related to educational, research, work, and/or community service settings.
3. Describe your experience overcoming challenges or setbacks to your goals. What specific strategies did you take to resolve them and achieve long-term goals? How have these experiences developed interpersonal, adaptability, or self-management skills to succeed in a doctoral program? Be specific with concrete examples of adapting or self-managing goals related to your educational, research, work, and/or community service activities.

Please upload your transcripts to the online application site. One (1) copy of your transcripts (official or unofficial) must be submitted with your application. Graduate students **must** include a copy of **both** undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all institutions, including the CSU.

Please read the statement below and sign where indicated:

The information I have submitted in my 2026-27 Pre-Doctoral Application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. You have my permission to provide my name, address, transcripts, and the information in this application to other educational institutions that may be interested in having me enroll in their graduate schools or summer research programs.

Name of Applicant: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____