

# MULTI-YEAR FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER AWARDS FOR ENTERING STUDENTS

## MULTI-YEAR FELLOWSHIP COMPETITIONS

The Graduate Division Fellowships Office administers multi-year fellowship competitions for entering students each year. Awards are competitive, based on merit, and offered to doctoral students of outstanding achievement. Stipends range from \$19,000 to \$27,000 per academic year for two years. Department support, in the form of fellowships and/or research and teaching assistantships, add at least two years of support. Multi-year fellowships include:

- ***Mellon Top-Off Fellowships*** attract and recruit top Humanities and History students. Awards are offered to the highest Berkeley and Diversity Fellowship nominations as well the Mellon Top-Off nominations.
- ***Berkeley Fellowships*** attract and recruit exceptional students in all fields of study.
- ***Chancellor's and Cota Robles Fellowships*** attract exceptional students in all fields of study who enhance diversity in the graduate student population. Students who receive this fellowship commonly intend to use their degree to serve educationally underrepresented segments of society.
- ***Regent's Intern and Predoctoral Humanities Fellowships*** attract students in humanities or social sciences who plan to pursue a career in teaching/research.
- ***Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) Fellowship*** attracts students in some science and engineering fields who meet specific eligibility criteria and demonstrate financial need.
- ***Ning Fellowship*** attracts highly qualified students in science and engineering from specific universities in China.

## MULTI-YEAR FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER AWARDS FOR ENTERING STUDENTS (CONTINUED)

### OTHER FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS FOR ENTERING STUDENTS

- ***Pinto Fellowship*** — Attracts exceptional Portuguese students in all fields of study.
- ***Hebei University Fellowship*** — For students or graduates of Hebei University in Baoding, China
- ***Stern Fellowship*** — For women who have made a significant contribution of a volunteer nature to community, state or national public interest.
- ***Power Top-Off Awards*** — Each department receives one or two Power Award allocations to help recruit the most competitive students to its program. This is a one-time award of \$2,000 per student.
- ***Diversity Supplemental Funding*** — Encourages recruitment of students to enhance diversity on campus. Up to \$2,000 is added to the first year of the award.
- ***GOP Master's Fellowship*** — Awarded to Master's students, this fellowship includes fees and a minimum stipend of \$10,000. Departments may supplement awards with their own funds or block grants. Students who receive these awards must meet diversity requirements and demonstrate financial need.



# FELLOWSHIP AWARDS FOR BOTH ENTERING AND CONTINUING STUDENTS

Administered by the Graduate Division, the following awards are available to both new and continuing students. For full descriptions, including award amounts, eligibility requirements, and deadlines, see Fellowships website.

<http://grad.berkeley.edu/financial/deadlines.shtml#graddiv>

- **Graduate Division/International House Gateway Fellowships** • One year of room & board for a single person offered to students in doctoral programs and Master's in Public Health who meet specific eligibility criteria, including financial need.
- **Block Awards** • Each graduate major is provided with funding to support new and continuing graduate students. Awards may be given as stipends, fees, or nonresident tuition. These awards may not be used to pay for professional degree fees or to support students on filing fee status. Departments are provided with monthly reports to keep them informed of their balance.
- **Departmentally Restricted Fund Awards** • Departments are responsible for ensuring that awards of departmental restricted funds comply with the terms of the fund. Like Block Grants, these awards may not be used for students on filing fee status. Fund balances are available on GLOW.
- **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)** • Funded by the U.S. Department of Education for modern foreign language study. These are one-year awards offered to students in humanities, professional schools and social sciences who need a high level of competency in a modern foreign language for their field. FLAS pays fees and tuition as well as a stipend of \$16,000. Continuing graduate students receive a \$15,000 stipend plus registration fees.
- **Endowments/gifts** • Funded from a variety of sources (individual donors, foundations, other universities) these fellowships target specific students and programs. Each has its own purpose, eligibility requirements, and amount of support. For a complete list, see: <http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/deadlines.shtml#entering>

In addition to the fellowships administered by the Graduate Division, other awards are available to graduate students in various disciplines. For a list of these fellowships see the Fellowships website, UC Berkeley Award Programs.

<http://grad.berkeley.edu/financial/deadlines.shtml#berkeley>

# MULTI-YEAR FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

## NOMINATIONS

Nominees must be entering students recommended for admission to a PhD degree or master/doctoral degree program. Students being nominated for FLAS, Stern, I-House, Hebei, Ning, and Una must be recommended for admission to a master, master/Ph.D., or doctoral degree program (see Specialized Endowment and Gift Awards Table in Handbook).



Previously registered graduate students at UCB, even if admitted to a different department, are considered continuing or returning students and are not eligible for the University Fellowship competition. This rule does not apply to students who were admitted for a master's only program in Folklore, Asian Studies, or Range Management, and who will receive the master's degree the previous May. Students who completed these majors in an earlier term are not eligible.



## MERIT

The Faculty Review Committee considers:

- ✓ Academic preparation, intellectual potential, industry and motivation
- ✓ Outstanding achievement in the context of challenging life experiences
- ✓ GPA

## FAFSA/FINANCIAL NEED

- Students (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) should complete *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* form.
- For more information on obtaining and completing FAFSA forms: Online: <http://fafsa.ed.gov>; Federal Student Aid Information Center: 1-800-433-3243

# MULTI-YEAR FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION: NOMINATION PROCEDURE

## Enter Fellowships nominations data in Graduate Admissions Database

See *Fellowships Handbook* for details.

- Make sure the number of nominations does not exceed the allocation.
- Obtain appropriate signatures. Submit report and other required documents to Fellowships Office by scheduled due date.
- If you don't have access to the database, complete **Form 10** <http://ccs.berkeley.edu/sda/sdaforms.htm>. Send to Admissions, 318 Sproul Hall.  
**Note:** Be sure to do this well in advance of the fellowship competition. It takes a least one week to approve and receive log in instructions.



# FELLOWSHIP AWARDS FOR CONTINUING STUDENTS

Administered by the Graduate Division, the following awards are available to continuing students. Following is a partial list. For full descriptions, including award amounts, eligibility requirements, and deadlines, see Fellowships website. <http://grad.berkeley.edu/financial/deadlines.shtml#graddiv>

- **Mentored Research Award** — provides support for academically promising students who increase the diversity of the graduate school population. The purpose of this program is to assist doctoral students in acquiring sophisticated research skills by working, under faculty mentorship on their own pre-dissertation research.
- **I-House Gateway Fellowships** — one-year awards for doctoral students based on financial need. Recipients receive one academic year of single occupancy at the I-House, as well as fees, tuition and a \$5,000 stipend from the Graduate Division. Academic units may nominate continuing students directly to International House, which selects candidates for awards not filled by the University Fellowships Committee. For more information, including a complete list of fellowships, please visit the International House web site: <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/i/aid.html#graduate>
- **Deans Normative Time Fellowship (DNTF)** — provides a fellowship to students in certain graduate programs to advance to candidacy within a set time period. The fellowship is offered to students who make regular and steady progress toward their doctoral degrees.
- **Doctoral Completion Fellowship (DCF)** — provides a financial incentive to students in certain graduate programs to complete their degree within normative timeframes. The fellowship is offered to students who make regular and steady progress toward their doctoral degrees: see <http://grad.berkeley.edu/policies/pcf.shtml>
- **Conference Travel Grant** — provides funding for Ph.D. students who will present at a professional conference.
- **Chancellor's Dissertation-Year Fellowship** — supports students pursuing studies in the humanities and social sciences in their final year. Eligible departments submit one nomination.
- **University of California Dissertation-Year Fellowship** — provides funding to students in their final year from educationally or economically disadvantaged backgrounds to help them complete dissertation requirements.

In addition to the fellowships administered by the Graduate Division, other awards are available to graduate students in various disciplines. For a list of these fellowships see the Fellowships website, UC Berkeley Award Programs. <http://grad.berkeley.edu/financial/deadlines.shtml#berkeley>

# GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS/ AWARDS: Overview

FELLOWSHIP/AWARD	ENTERING	CONTINUING
Berkeley Fellowship	X	
Block Grant Awards	X	X
Chancellor's and Cota Robles Fellowships	X	
Chancellor's Dissertation-Year Fellowship		X
DCF Doctoral Completion Fellowship		X
Departmentally Restricted Awards	X	X
Diversity Supplemental Funding	X	
DNTF Dean's Normative Time Fellowship		X
Fannie and John Hertz Graduate Fellowships	X	X
Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships	X	X
Fulbright-Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad		X
GOP Master's Fellowship (Block Grant)	X	
International House Gateway Fellowships	X	X
Jacob J. Javits Fellowship	X	X
Mellon Top-Off Fellowship	X	
Mentored Research Award		X
National Defense Science & Engineering Graduate Fellowship	X	X
National Physical Science Consortium	X	X
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	X	X
Parent Grant	X	X
Power Top-Off Awards	X	
Regent's Intern and Predoctoral Humanities Fellowships	X	
The Office of Science Graduate Fellowship	X	X
Travel Grant		X
U C Dissertation-Year Fellowship		X

# AWARDING BLOCK AND DEPARTMENTALLY RESTRICTED AWARDS

Both **Block Awards** and **Departmentally Restricted Awards** are awarded at the discretion of departments. **Block Grant Appropriation Reports** document department funding for entering and continuing students.

## BLOCK AWARDS

- It is suggested that departments run a competition (if appropriate).
- Awards may be given as stipends, fees, or nonresident tuition. **Awards may not be made towards professional degree fees or filing fee.**
- Departments should consider awarding Block Grant funds to students with need and/or students who have not received as much funding as other students in the department.

To award Block Grant funds, departments must:

- Complete *Block Grant Fellowship Award Form*.
- Send award letter to student stating that this award is made “on behalf of the Dean of the Graduate Division” and that all or part of this fellowship or grant is paid from university endowments. Enclose Summary of Terms form (Appendix F) and tax form (Appendix A), from the Fellowships Handbook.
- Students may be required to submit a profile and/or academic progress report for reporting to donors.
- Students receiving a Block Award must meet the following requirements:
  - A) be enrolled in at least 12 units of course work (except for those who are advanced to doctoral candidacy)
  - B) their GPA must be 3.0 or higher as of end of previous semester
  - C) make satisfactory progress (Students with lapsed candidacy are ineligible)

## AWARDING BLOCK AND DEPARTMENTALLY RESTRICTED AWARDS (CONTINUED)

### DEPARTMENTALLY RESTRICTED AWARDS

The Graduate Division administers \$7.6M in funds restricted to students in a particular field of study each year. Department Chairs dispense funds according to the terms of the fund.

To facilitate planning, GLOW displays fund balances, terms, and estimated payouts, as well as the history of all awards.

Departments are responsible for ensuring that awards of departmentally restricted funds comply with the terms of the fund and for informing the recipients about the name and terms of their awards. Generally, these awards must be made to registered and fully enrolled graduate students who maintain a 3.0 GPA. Departmentally restricted funds should not be used for students on filing fee.

Departments now have the option to enter their departmentally restricted awards in GradLink on the Web (GLOW) or continue to deliver the award forms to Graduate Fellowships as departments have done in the past. Departments who choose to enter awards in GLOW must appoint a data entry person as well as an approver (similar to DSAS). Data entry persons who already have GLOW access do not need further access approval.

When entering departmentally restricted awards via GLOW, please note the following:

- Every award needs an approver. Every award needs to be entered by one person and approved by another. **All financial transactions that disburse campus funds require at least two separate individuals with the requisite authority to prepare and review each transaction to ensure adequate internal controls. These same controls are in place for all campus systems (including DSAS and BFS).** Only Graduate Division staff will be able to enter awards for departments lacking an approver. A person becomes an approver for your department by filling out a GLOW user request form and asking for this permission. Since the approver role is a new role, both current and new GLOW users must fill in the form to get this permission.
- **Do not post revised awards using this screen.** We are currently in the first phase of the departmentally restricted awards data entry project. During this project phase only new awards can be posted via GLOW. Award revisions must still be done via the paper form. Please note that once a student has received an award from a particular fund any additional award from that fund is considered a revision.

- **Fund balances.** Carry-forward fund balances are adjusted to actual July 1st General Ledger balances in the fall (early September). In the spring (usually in February), Graduate Division provides estimates of your next period's (fiscal year's) fund income. Questions regarding your carry-forward and fund balances should be directed to the Business and Financial Management Office in the Graduate Division at 3-5143.
- **Questions about awards.** If you have questions about the payment of awards, please contact the Graduate Services — Fellowships Office at 642-0672.

To award departmentally restricted funds, departments must:

- Enter and approve the award in GLOW.

**OR**

- Complete and submit a Departmentally Restricted Award Form to Graduate Fellowships. Obtain a copy of Departmentally Restricted Award form on Grad Link on the Web (GLOW) <https://gradlink.edu/>. Log in. Select "View Award Form" for this fund and print.
- Send award letter stating that this award is made "on behalf of the Dean of the Graduate Division" and that all or part of this fellowship or grant is paid from university endowments. Enclose Summary of Terms form (Appendix F) and tax form (Appendix A).
- Send award letters to students with Summary of Terms form (Appendix F) and tax form (Appendix A) (*see the Fellowships Handbook*).



## AWARDING BLOCK AND DEPARTMENTALLY RESTRICTED AWARDS (CONTINUED)

### FELLOWSHIP PAYMENTS

- Fees and/or nonresident tuition awards are credited directly to the student's CARS account.
- Graduate Division will send stipend payments to CARS after students are registered. A student is considered registered when enrolled in units, a portion of fees is paid, and does not have a registration block or a remaining balance from prior semesters in CARS.
- Stipend payments normally are disbursed August 25 (fall), January 25 (spring), and June 10 (Summer).
- Students are strongly encouraged to sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT): <http://eftstudent.berkeley.edu>. All stipend payments will be made via EFT. If a student has not signed up for EFT in a timely manner, a paper check will be generated and will need to be picked up in person at University Hall.

# MEMO: DEPARTMENT BLOCK AWARD ALLOCATION AND FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION

## BERKELEY OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE DIVISION

TO: Chairs  
ZOOLOGY

FROM: Andrew Szeri, Dean  
Carlos Fernandez-Pello, Associate Dean

DATE: January 6, 2009

RE: 2009-2010 BLOCK AWARD ALLOCATION and  
FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION INFORMATION

Your department's block grant appropriation and nomination allocations for 2009-10 are as follows:

**BLOCK AWARD APPROPRIATION:** \$89,000

**MULTI-YEAR FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION NOMINATIONS:**

- Berkeley Fellowship 1
- Diversity Fellowships 6
- Humanities Fellowships 1

**OTHER FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION NOMINATIONS:**

- Mentored Research Award 1
- UC Dissertation Fellowship 1
- Chancellor's Dissertation Fellowship 1

**POWER TOP-OFF AWARD:** 1

**NON-RESIDENT TUITION FELLOWSHIPS:** 1 semester(s)

All U.S. citizen and permanent resident students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to be eligible for University funding. Over half of the block grant budget is composed of the University Student Aid Program (USAP) funding, which is need based and can only be used on students who have completed the FAFSA and who have demonstrated financial need.

If you have questions, please contact Maria Loza, Graduate Fellowships Office, 642-7665 or [marial@berkeley.edu](mailto:marial@berkeley.edu).

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT SCENARIOS

Some financial support scenarios have been adapted from actual cases. Notice how many different types of fellowships and awards are utilized to support students throughout their academic careers.

MOLECULAR CELL BIOLOGY	
STUDENT A	<p><b>Year 1:</b> Multi-year + BG  <b>Year 2:</b> NSF + GSI (1 semester)  <b>Year 3:</b> NSF  <b>Year 4:</b> Multi-year + GSR  <b>Year 5:</b> NSF</p>
STUDENT B	<p><b>Year 1:</b> Training Grant + GSI  <b>Year 2:</b> BG + GSI  <b>Year 3:</b> GSR  <b>Year 4:</b> GSR  <b>Year 5:</b> GSR</p>
LINGUISTICS	
STUDENT A	<p><b>Year 1:</b> Top Off Award + FLAS  <b>Year 2:</b> BG + GSI + Summer Grant  <b>Year 3:</b> BG + GSI  <b>Year 4 (after adv.):</b> DNTF  <b>Year 5:</b> outside fellowship</p>
STUDENT B	<p><b>Year 1:</b> BG + GSI (1semester)  <b>Year 2:</b> BG + GSI (2 semesters)  <b>Year 3:</b> GSI + Summer Grant  <b>Year 4:</b> DNTF  <b>Year 5:</b> GSI</p>
M.A. EDUCATION	
STUDENT A	<p><b>Year 1:</b> GOP + BG  <b>Year 2:</b> FLAS</p>
STUDENT B	<p><b>Year 1:</b> GOP + GSR  <b>Year 2:</b> BG + Dept. Rest. + GSI</p>

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT SCENARIOS

HISPANIC LANG & LIT	
STUDENT A	<p><b>Year 1:</b> Multi-year + GSI (1 semester)  <b>Year 2:</b> GSI + Block award  <b>Year 3:</b> Multi-year  <b>Year 4:</b> DNTF  <b>Year 5:</b> GSI (2 semesters)  <b>Year 6:</b> UC Dissertation</p>
STUDENT B	<p><b>Year 1:</b> GSI  <b>Year 2:</b> GSI  <b>Year 3:</b> GSI + Summer award  <b>Year 4:</b> GSI  <b>Year 5:</b> DNTF  <b>Year 6:</b> Fulbright-DDRA</p>
ENGINEERING (CS)	
STUDENT A	<p><b>Year 1:</b> Multi-year + GSR  <b>Year 2:</b> Multi-year + GSR  <b>Year 3:</b> GSI + BG  <b>Year 4:</b> GSR  <b>Year 5:</b> GSR</p>
STUDENT B	<p><b>Year 1:</b> Block Grant  <b>Year 2:</b> NSF + GSI  <b>Year 3:</b> NSF  <b>Year 4:</b> NSF  <b>Year 5:</b> GSR</p>
INTERNATIONAL	
STUDENT A M.A. SOCIOLOGY	<p><b>Year 1:</b> Gateway  <b>Year 2:</b> BG + GSI</p>
STUDENT B PH.D. CHEMISTRY	<p><b>Year 1:</b> Gateway + BG + GSI  <b>Year 2:</b> GSI + BG  <b>Year 3:</b> BG + GSR  <b>Year 4:</b> GSR  <b>Year 5:</b> GSR</p>