

College of Letters and Science – Call for Applications

Graduate Summer Support Awards

Deadline: April 16, 2024

The College of Letters and Science is pleased to announce the call for proposals for the **2024 Dean's Graduate Summer Support Awards, Margrit Mondavi Graduate Support Awards, and the UC Humanities Consortium Graduate Support Awards.**

These awards are made possible through funding from donors, the College, and the UC Humanities Consortium to support excellent graduate students in advancing their research over the summer.

These awards are available to **PhD** and **MFA** but not MA students enrolled in graduate programs in the College of Letters and Science that meet criteria outlined below for each support opportunity. Students who graduate in spring quarter 2024 are not eligible to apply. Applicants may apply to all support awards that they meet the criteria for, but will receive at most one award. Previous awardees are eligible to apply.

Dean's Graduate Summer Support Awards

Award Details:

Awards will range from \$2,500 – \$6,000. Allowable expenses include research, travel, and/or living expenses.

Eligibility criteria:

- Overall GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Students completing their degree requirements in spring 2024 are ineligible for this award.
- A financial situation such that the student may be unable to significantly advance their research program over the summer months, and the student will be unlikely to receive other forms of support.
 - Award recipients may not receive support during the summer in the form of AI, TA, or GSR or other significant academic employment. Eligibility criteria and sources of support will be confirmed with graduate program coordinators. It is within the purview of the graduate programs to determine whether an applicant meets this eligibility criteria.
 - Recipients may receive other competitive and departmental awards/scholarships to supplement a Summer Support Award, but the total value of all awards received, inclusive of the Summer Support Award, cannot exceed \$10,300 (the quarterly salary for a 50% SP3 TA). If the cumulative value of received award support exceeds \$10,300, the Dean's Graduate Summer Support Award will be reduced accordingly.
 - Awardees will be required to submit a report to their graduate programs on what was accomplished under this award and how the funds were used.

Selection Process:

Applications received by the deadline will be evaluated based on the merits of the work and the research plans proposed. Letters of recommendation will not be required. The student's graduate program administration will provide feedback on these plans as part of the application evaluation process. Approximately 70 awards will be made for this support award.

Margrit Mondavi Graduate Support Awards

Award Details:

Awards of \$6,000 each to graduate student in PhD and MFA but not MA programs in the arts and humanities. *Per the bequest, students in social science departments are not eligible for this award.* The award will support travel, research, workshops, and other project-related work including living expenses in the summer of 2024.

Awardees are required to submit a brief report to the Davis Humanities Institute on the outcomes of the summer support.

Eligibility criteria:

- Applicant must be a graduate student in PhD and MFA programs in the arts and humanities.
- Students completing their degree requirements in spring 2024 are ineligible for this award.
- Eligible proposals fall into one of two categories:
 1. **Creative Arts:** Students in the arts should address how the support will contribute to the genesis or continuation of an original piece of creative work such as a musical composition, theatrical piece, visual art, and the like. More broadly, the proposal should situate the applicant's work in relation to the applicable field, describe its significance both in terms of their own artistic work and that of the wider field, and explain how the work relates to the applicant's completion of a degree.
 2. **Humanities Research:** Research applicants may be continuing graduate students in the arts and humanities, and while students do not have to be ABD, the proposals should reflect a clearly defined research interest and justify the support in terms of future doctoral research and the completion of a degree. Applicants should demonstrate the intellectual significance of their project, whether its value to scholars or other audiences, and the ways in which it aims to contribute to their field of scholarship.

Selection Process:

Proposals will be evaluated based on the merits of the work or project proposed. Letters of recommendation are not required. Graduate programs will be solicited for endorsement for each applicant. Approximately 4 awards will be made for this support award.

UC Humanities Consortium Graduate Support Awards

Award Details:

Awards of \$6,000 each to PhD students in the arts, humanities, and humanistic social sciences*. The award will support travel, research, workshops, and other project-related work including living expenses in the summer of 2024.

Awardees will be required to submit a brief report to the Davis Humanities Institute on the outcomes of the summer support.

Awardees may be invited to participate in one or more virtual sessions of a UC-wide collaborative of graduate fellows during the 2024-25 academic year.

Eligibility criteria:

- Applicant must be a graduate student in a PhD program in the arts, humanities, or humanistic social sciences*.
- Students completing their degree requirements in spring 2024 are ineligible for this award.
- While students do not have to be ABD, the proposals should reflect a clearly defined research interest and justify the support in terms of future doctoral research and the completion of a degree. Applicant should demonstrate the intellectual significance of their project, whether its value to scholars or other audiences, and the ways in which it aims to contribute to their field of scholarship.

Selection Process:

Proposals will be evaluated based on the merits of the work or project proposed. Letters of recommendation are not required. Graduate programs will be solicited for endorsement for each applicant. Approximately 2 awards will be made for this support award.

Application Details for all three Support Awards:

1. Project description (max. 500 words): Describe the proposed research plan to be accomplished and explain how a support award will advance progress toward the degree goal. Applications should also explain the significance of the project in relation to their field.
2. Total amount requested and description of how the funds will be used including an itemized budget.
3. ***For the Dean's Graduate Summer Support Award specifically:*** A paragraph describing your financial need (see eligibility criteria described above) and disclosing any other potential or obtained support awards for summer 2024.
4. ***For the Margrit Mondavi Graduate Support Awards specifically:*** Creative arts students are encouraged to include a link to a website, displaying samples of their work as part of the application.
5. ***For the Margrit Mondavi and UC Humanities Consortium Graduate Support Awards specifically:*** a CV (max. 2 pages) and a statement detailing how you meet the eligibility criteria described above (max. 200 words).

Applications will be submitted at the following link:

<https://voorhies.ucdavis.edu/deansoffice/gradSummerSupportAwards/app/>

and must be received by: **April 16, 2024.**

The Dean's Graduate Student Support Committee (GSSC) and the Davis Humanities Institute Faculty Advisory Board (FAB) will review applications for the respective awards and make award decisions by late May.

Support award letters and non-award letters will be sent to the students and programs following this timeframe.

After reviewing student reports submitted on their summer research experience, a small sampling of students will be contacted by the LS Dean's Office Communications Team for testimonials about their research to be published on the LS website.

Questions can be directed to: ls_research@ucdavis.edu

**For the purposes of the UC Humanities Consortium Graduate Support Award, the humanities and humanistic social sciences include but are not limited to: American studies; art; anthropology; classics; communication; creative writing; cultural studies; design; economics; history; languages and literatures; linguistics; music; Native American studies; philosophy; political science; psychology (excluding clinical or counseling psychology); religious studies; sociology; and theater, dance, dramatic art, and performance studies. PhDs in social science fields are eligible only if they employ predominantly humanistic approaches (e.g., economic history, political philosophy, history of psychology).*