

College of Letters and Science – Call for Applications

Graduate Summer Fellowships

Deadline: April 14, 2023

The College of Letters and Science is pleased to announce the call for proposals for the **2023 Dean's Graduate Summer Fellowship Awards, the Margrit Mondavi Graduate Fellowships, and the UC Humanities Consortium Graduate Fellowship.**

These awards are made possible by donor, College, and UC Humanities Consortium funding for supporting 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 the criteria outlined below for each fellowship opportunity. Students who graduate in spring quarter are not eligible to apply. Applicants may apply to all fellowships that they meet the criteria for, but will receive at most one award. Previous awardees are eligible to apply.

Dean's Graduate Summer Fellowship Awards

Award Details:

Awards will range from \$2,500 – \$5,700. Allowable expenses include research, travel, and/or living expenses.

Eligibility criteria:

- Overall GPA of 3.5 or higher
- 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 form of AI, TA, or GSR or other external 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 criterion.
- Recipients may receive other competitive and departmental fellowships to supplement a Summer Fellowship Award, but the total value of all fellowships received, inclusive of the Summer Fellowship Award, cannot exceed \$8,334 (the quarterly entry salary for a 50% TA). If the cumulative value of received fellowships exceeds \$8,334, the Dean's Graduate Summer Fellowship Award will be reduced.

- 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 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 fellowship.

Margrit Mondavi Graduate Fellowships

Award Details:

Awards of \$5,700 each to graduate students 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 2023.

Awardees are required to submit a brief report to the Davis Humanities Institute (DHI) on the outcomes of the summer support. Fellows will be asked to provide materials for the DHI website and possibly a poster for display during the academic year, where they will discuss their projects and the impact the grant had on their creative work and/or research progress to date.

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 2023 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 fellowship.

UC Humanities Consortium Graduate Fellowship

Award Details:

Awards of \$6,000 each to PhD students in the arts, humanities, and humanistic social sciences*. The award will support travel (if the public health situation allows), research, workshops, and other project-related work including living expenses in the summer of 2023.

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

Fellows will be asked to participate in one or more virtual sessions of a UC-wide collaborative of graduate fellows during the 2023-24 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 2023 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 fellowship.

Application Details for all three Fellowships:

1. Project description (max. 500 words): Describe the proposed research plan to be accomplished and explain how a fellowship award will advance progress toward the degree goal. Applicants 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 Summer Fellowship specifically:*** A paragraph describing your financial need (see eligibility criteria described above) and disclosing any other potential or obtained fellowship awards for summer 2023.
4. ***For the Margrit Mondavi Fellowship 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 Fellowships 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://tinyurl.com/gradsummerfellowships> and are to be received by: **April 14, 2023**.

The Dean's Graduate Student Support Committee (GSSC) and the David Humanities Institute (DHI) will review applications for the respective fellowships and make award decisions by late May.

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

Funding will be disbursed in August 2023.

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: ad-assistant@ucdavis.edu.

**For the purposes of the UC Humanities Consortium fellowship, 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).*