

# **2009-2010 CSUSB GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 12, 2009.**

California State University, San Bernardino will award Graduate Equity Fellowships to educationally or financially disadvantaged students, including under-represented ethnic minority, women, or disabled graduate students for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The goal of the Graduate Equity Fellowship Program is to assist under-represented students in the completion of the master's degree at CSUSB, and encourage them to pursue a doctorate and teach at the university level. The award is based on academic achievement and the potential for going on to the Ph.D., and eventually teaching at the university level. Fellowships are renewable for an additional year, on a competitive basis. If you are currently receiving financial aid, the Graduate Equity Fellowship may impact your award.

## **TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FELLOWSHIP YOU MUST:**

1. be a member of a group considered under-represented: i.e. African-American, Chicano/Mexican American, other Hispanic, American Indian, Filipino, or Pacific Islander; women in math, science, or computer science, men in nursing, or students with disabilities;
2. be classified as a California resident for fee purposes;
3. demonstrate minimum financial need as determined by completing the 2009-10 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
4. be admitted to the University and classified or conditionally classified in a master's degree program;
5. be a fulltime graduate student (enroll in at least 8.0 graduate level units, i.e., 500 or 600 level courses);
6. maintain satisfactory academic progress (3.0 GPA);
7. complete all quarterly assignments required by the "Graduate Equity Fellowship Contract". (For a sample contract, contact the Office of Graduate Studies in AD-127).

## **TO APPLY:**

1. File the free 2009-10 Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA), which is available on the CSUSB Financial Aid Office's web site at <http://finaid.csusb.edu>, **NO LATER THAN March 2, 2009**.
2. Have an application for admission and all required transcripts (including non-CSUSB academic work) on file with the CSUSB Admissions & Student Recruitment Office by June 12th in order to be considered for these awards.
3. Complete the CSUSB Graduate Equity Fellowship Application and personal statement. You may access the application online at: <http://finaid.csusb.edu> or pick up a paper application at the Financial Aid Office.
4. Submit three letters of recommendation from faculty qualified to judge your academic work. Your recommenders must address your specific qualifications as they relate to the objectives of the Graduate Equity Fellowship.

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SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION TO: **California State University, San Bernardino  
Financial Aid Office, UH-150  
5500 University Parkway  
San Bernardino, CA 92407**

For further information, contact Financial Aid at (909) 537-5227

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Please type or print legibly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Coyote I.D #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Local address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

US Citizen:  Yes  No California resident:  Yes  No

In which master's degree program are you classified or conditionally classified, or to which master's degree program have you applied? \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligible Categories:** Please check appropriate box.

- Men in nursing or education
- African-American/Black
- White, non-Hispanic
- Filipino
- Chicano, Mexican-American
- Pacific Islander
- Other Hispanic
- American Indian or Alaskan Native (Please submit documentation)
- Asian majoring in social science, arts or humanities
- Woman majoring in computer science, math or science

Disabled:  Yes (Please submit documentation)  No

Expected completion date of MA or MS degree from CSU, San Bernardino: \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year

Self-reported GPA in most recent 60 semester or 90 quarter units: \_\_\_\_\_ (Minimum 3.0)  
(Subject to verification by the Admissions Office)

Parent/Guardian Information: Please indicate your parents' highest levels of formal education?

Enter code below for: Mother \_\_\_\_\_ and Father \_\_\_\_\_

1 - No High School

2 - Some High School

7 - Postgraduate

3 - High School Graduate

4 - Some College

5 - Two Year College Graduate

6 - Four Year College Graduate

# **GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Write an essay that (1) describes your academic accomplishments, honors and awards, campus and community activities, employment and/or volunteer experience, (2) outlines your future academic and career plans, especially as they pertain to obtaining the Ph.D. and pursuing university teaching and that (3) explains how the Graduate Equity Fellowship will help you accomplish your academic and professional goals.

**ESSAY GUIDELINES:** Essays must be typed and double spaced.

Type your name and student identification number in the upper right-hand corner of each page of your essay.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Submit three letters of recommendation from persons most familiar with your academic background and abilities. Your recommenders must address your specific qualifications as they relate to the objectives of the Graduate Equity Fellowship.