

**CAMPUS INTERNAL DEADLINE:** Friday, March 6, 2009

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**Announcing the 2009-2010 Application to the  
CALIFORNIA PRE-DOCTORAL PROGRAM  
For Undergraduate and Graduate Students in the California State University**

The California Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase the diversity of the pool from which the California State University draws its faculty. It does so by supporting the doctoral aspirations of CSU students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages. A special emphasis is placed on increasing the number of CSU students who enter graduate programs at one of the University of California campuses.

Each of the applicants selected will be designated a Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar and will work closely with a CSU faculty sponsor to develop an overall plan which leads ultimately to enrollment in a doctoral program. The plan should be tailored to the specific goals and career objectives of the student.

In addition the program provides:

1. *Travel Funds* for the student and faculty sponsor to visit U.S. doctoral-granting institutions and/or to attend a professional meeting appropriate to the student's development.
2. *Funds* for other related activities, such as student membership in professional organizations and subscriptions to journals, graduate school application and test fees, GRE preparation, and the cost of minor research materials.
3. *A Summer Research Internship* opportunity at a University of California campus or other major research university, fully funded by the Pre-Doctoral Program, so that the Scholar can participate in doctoral-level research prior to enrolling in a Ph.D. program.

**General Eligibility and Selection Criteria**

Applicants to the California Pre-Doctoral Program must be upper-division or master's degree students who are enrolled at a CSU institution as of Spring 2009 and who will also be enrolled at a CSU campus for at least one semester or two (2) quarter terms of the academic year 2009-2010.

Applicants will be selected on the basis of three major criteria: potential for success in completing a doctoral program, probable effectiveness of the student/faculty plan, and level of economic and educational disadvantage.

All applicants must be either U.S. citizens or permanent residents at the time of application. Current or previous Pre-Doctoral Scholars are not eligible to re-apply. Each applicant must have a faculty sponsor from the student's home campus who will be available for the duration of the plan specified in the application. The program is designed for students interested in obtaining research doctorates. Students interested in obtaining professional degrees (law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or an MBA degree) are not eligible.

If you are interested in applying you should immediately contact your campus Pre-Doctoral Coordinator for application forms and further information. Three (3) copies of your application, including transcripts, must be submitted by your home campus to the CSU Office of the Chancellor by no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 10, 2009. **Be sure to check with your Campus Pre-Doctoral Program Coordinator for the internal campus deadline.**

If you have any questions about this application process please contact your Campus Pre-Doctoral Coordinator by visiting this link: <http://www.calstate.edu/predoc/advisors.shtml>

**Applications are due to the Office of Graduate Studies (AD-127) by  
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**2009 – 2010 California Pre-Doctoral Program  
Applicant Checklist**

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Dear Applicant,

Below is a checklist to guide you in preparing your application for submission to the 2009-2010 California Pre-Doctoral Program. Please be sure to ***type*** your application and check that all pages contain your social security number.

**Applicant:**

- Applicant Information – *Sections I, II, & III*
- 3 Essays – *(300-600 words each) – Section IV*
- Transcripts – *3 copies (graduate students must obtain transcripts for undergraduate work from all institutions including the CSU)*
- Signature – *End of page 2*

**Faculty Sponsor:**

- Faculty Sponsor Information – *Section FS1*
- Confidential Letter of Evaluation – *Section FS5*
- Signature – *End of page 6 and on Confidential Letter*

**Both Applicant and Sponsor:**

- Activities Plan & Budget – *Sections FS2, FS3, & FS4*

Thank you again for your interest in the 2009-2010 California Pre-Doctoral Program!

Sincerely,



Keith I. (Kip) Polakoff, Director  
California Pre-Doctoral Program

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Transcripts \_\_\_ Faculty Sponsor form \_\_\_ Confidential letter \_\_\_ Budget \_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_

Discipline Category: \_\_\_\_\_ R1: \_\_\_ R2: \_\_\_ C: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ T: \_\_\_

SSN#: \_\_\_\_\_

## California Pre-Doctoral Program 2009-2010 Application

\*\*\*\*This application MUST be typed\*\*\*\*

### I. General Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle  Male  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Female  
Street City Zip Code  
Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please include area code Please provide an email, this is our main form of communication.  
Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship:  US. Citizen  Permanent Resident  
City, State, & Country  
Ethnic Identity (for statistical purposes only)  
 African American  Asian American  Pacific Islander  
 Chicano(a)/Mexican American  Filipino  White/Caucasian  
 Other Hispanic/Latino(a)  American Indian  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Personal Information

- A. What is the primary language spoken in your home? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Please indicate your parents' level of education:  
Mother:  No College  Some College  College Graduate  Graduate School  
Father:  No College  Some College  College Graduate  Graduate School
- C. Please describe any disabilities you may have: \_\_\_\_\_
- D. As an undergraduate, are/were you eligible for need-based financial aid?  Yes  No
- E. Are you treated as an independent student for financial aid purposes?  Yes  No
- F. What is your *personal* yearly income?  
 Less than \$12,000  \$12,001 - \$21,000  \$21,001 - \$35,000  More than \$35,000
- G. What is your *family's* yearly income?  
 Less than \$30,000  \$30,001 - \$40,000  \$40,001 - \$45,000  More than \$45,000
- H. How many hours per week do you work during school?  0 - 20  21+
- I. Did your spouse or family provide major help with the cost of your undergraduate education?  Yes  No

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline in which you intend to pursue doctoral study: \_\_\_\_\_

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Discipline Category: \_\_\_\_\_

RI: \_\_\_\_\_

R2: \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Educational Information

CSU campus you are now attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Class Level in Spring 2009:  Junior  Senior  Master's

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

If you do not have GRE scores, when will they be available? \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 and must be typed.*** Be sure to include your name and social security number on each sheet that you attach.

1. Describe the field of study in which you would like to pursue a doctoral degree and the research questions or theoretical perspectives that interest you in this field. Please be specific.
2. What elements of your educational, research, community service and/or personal experience have contributed to your interest in and preparation for pursuing doctoral study, and your determination to succeed in it?
3. Many professionals with doctoral degrees enter careers to serve as college and university faculty, and most faculty serve a diverse student body. Describe your interest in such a career and experiences that would prepare you for it.

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***Please attach your transcripts to this application.*** Three (3) copies 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 2009-2010 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*\*SECTIONS FS1-FS5 MUST BE TYPED\*\*\*\*

**Faculty Sponsor Form**

*(To be completed by the Faculty Sponsor)*

**FS1. Faculty Sponsor Information**

Faculty Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please include area code

1. May we share your name and contact information with faculty at doctoral-granting institutions who may be interested in calling you about this student?       Yes     No
  
2. Will you be on leave for any part of the 2009-2010 academic year?       Yes\*     No

*\*If Yes, please describe where you will be, the length of time you will be gone, and arrangements you plan to make to maintain contact with the applicant. (Faculty sponsors are expected to serve in that role throughout the award year.)*

Comments:

**FS2: Faculty Sponsor/Student Plan**

Please provide details on the components of the plan and assign a tentative dollar amount to each. An award of \$3,000 is made to each Scholar, and up to \$1,000 of this amount can be used to support faculty travel to accompany the Scholar. **Please note that travel is normally permitted only within the U.S.**, and visits to doctoral degree-granting institutions are limited to those universities that are accredited. Summer research internships are funded separately from this budget.

Activities	Dates Activities Will Occur	Estimated Cost
1. Visits to University of California campuses (specify):		
2. Visits to other doctoral-granting institutions (specify):		
3. Attendance at professional meetings, symposia, seminars, colloquia (specify):		
4. Graduate school applications and/or admission test fees, e.g. GRE (specify):		
5. Student memberships in professional organizations; subscriptions to professional journals; special software, minor upgrades of computer capacity, research materials, etc. <b>NOTE:</b> Research related expenditures (for example, computer software, computer memory upgrades, research supplies) are limited to a <b>total</b> of \$500 (specify):		
<b>Total Estimated Cost (\$3,000 or less):</b>		

**FS3: Appropriate Professional Development for the Student**

Indicate how the plan addresses the specific needs and educational objectives of this applicant. Details of the program outlined in the Faculty/Student Plan should be justified on the basis of specific factors that will increase the prospect of eventual acceptance and enrollment of the applicant in a doctoral program.

**FS4: Student Responsibilities**

Specify any conditions or responsibilities the student must fulfill in order to continue in the Pre-Doctoral Program under your supervision for the entire period of the award.

**FS5: Confidential Letter of Evaluation** *(To be completed by the Faculty Sponsor)*

On your campus or college letterhead, please provide details of the abilities, skills, mastery of theory and method, accomplishments, and motivation that are likely to contribute to this student's ability to succeed in doctoral study. If the student's undergraduate grade-point average is below 3.0, please explain why you believe this student should be considered.

Name of Faculty Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Faculty Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_