

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

CSUF Graduate Studies

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MESSAGE FROM CSUF GRADUATE STUDIES

Hello, Titans!

Welcome to Fall 2023! The Office of Graduate Studies is excited to welcome you all to this new academic year. We hope you are having a great Fall Semester.

As it starts to get busier, take a moment to plan your semester ahead. Remember, "By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail"-Benjamin Franklin. Go to your professor's office hours, create a study group and most importantly take care of your physical and mental health. Remember to take breaks and utilize the resources available to you on campus. We wish you the best of luck in this new academic year. Let's go Titans!

GRAD STUDIES CENTER HOURS

The GSC (LH-216) Fall 2023 hours:

Monday to Thursday 10am to 7pm
Friday 10am to 5pm

Drop by and see us when you are on campus. Remember you can stash your food in our kitchen area, bring your study group to our open study space, or **reserve our private study room.**

FALL 2023 GRADUATE CANDIDATE TIMELINE

Congratulations to those of you finishing your final semester! You navigated the difficult journey of obtaining a graduate degree and we are sure you're all wondering just when you'll receive your diploma and some other questions related to your degree.

Here are some of the answers to common questions:

- All Fall 2023 graduation candidates can expect to see the "Degree Awarded" notation on their transcripts by February 17, 2024 at the very latest.
- The Degree conferral process for Fall 2023 takes 6 to 7 weeks after final grades post on January 3rd, 2023.



UPCOMING DEADLINES

Grad Check Online Application

- Spring 2024 - Due February 12, 2024
- Summer 2024- Due March 11, 2024

Thesis/Dissertation

- Fall 2023- Due November 17, 2023
- Spring 2024- Due April 26, 2024
- Summer 2024- Due July 5, 2024
- Fall 2024- Due November 15, 2024

Withdrawal

- Non-Medical withdrawals Nov. 13, 2023
- Medical withdrawals December 1, 2023

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Spring 2024 leave of absence request form is now open for continuing students. Students who started Fall 2023 must wait until final grades post in December to submit the form. If you are not planning to take classes in the Spring, please submit the form as soon as possible to ensure that you remain active in your program! Leave of Absence must be received before the first day of classes.

The form can be found on our website **[online here.](#)**

WRITING APPOINTMENTS

The GSC provides free one-on-one Writing Appointments to all CSUF graduate students. Our skilled Writing Consultants are happy to help you with any writing assignment you encounter in your graduate program. You can now book a Writing Appointment **[online here.](#)**

Remember Writing Appointments can be booked up to 2 weeks in advance. Midterm and finals season is usually very busy so don't wait to start working on your projects!

SALLY CASANOVA PROGRAM

Are you interested in future doctoral studies, particularly a PhD? The Sally Casanova Scholarship is a great mentorship and funding opportunities for students who are planning to apply to or in the process of applying to doctorate programs.

Sally Casanova Scholarship

This scholarship supports students as they prepare to apply for doctorate programs and can cover travel funds as well application fees. *Note applicants need at least one additional semester as a CSU student in the FA24-SP25 academic year to be eligible for this application cycle.* See more details about this opportunity on our [Sally Casanova website](#) and sign up for an information session to learn more! The campus application deadline is **January 26, 2024**.

Each scholar receives a \$5,000 scholarship and the opportunity to:

- participation in a [summer research](#) experience program at a doctoral-granting institution
- visits to doctoral-granting institutions to explore opportunities for doctoral study
- travel to a national symposium or professional meeting and related activities, such as membership in professional organizations and journal subscriptions
- graduate school application and test fees

To be consider for the program please attend one of the following required information session

- [Thursday, October 12 at 12pm-1pm](#)
- [Friday, October 27 at 11am-12pm](#)
- [Wednesday, November 15 at 6pm-7pm](#)
- [Tuesday, November 28 at 6pm-7pm](#)
- [Monday, December 4 at 3pm-4pm](#)

THESIS/DISSERTATION UPDATES

As of August 1, 2023, we have a new Thesis/Dissertation Template and Manual. Use of the new Template is required for all papers submitted for Fall 2023 or later. Major changes include the font, margins, and additional accessibility features. We've also clarified instructions and added new behind-the-scenes structuring to cover more formatting needs and to make using the Template easier for students and their committees. Please contact our **Thesis/Dissertation Reader, Eliot Cossaboom** (ecossaboom@fullerton.edu) for any questions regarding theses or dissertations.

The Fall deadline is November 17, 2023, at 11:59 PM.



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