THE CALIFORNIA PRE-DOCTORAL PROGRAM (AY 2022-2023)

Commitment to Excellence with Diversity
History

California Pre-Doctoral Program:

• In our 32nd year!
• Founded in 1989, by the CSU and UC
• Funded by the CSU from the California Lottery Fund
• Goal: To increase the diversity of the pool of newly minted PhD’s from which the CSU draws its faculty.
Program Statistics

• 2,409 Scholars since 1989
• 42 percent of each cohort end up in fully funded Ph.D. programs
• Since 2014-15 AY, average of 13 Sally Casanova scholars are admitted each year into a Ph.D. program at a UC campus
• Since 2013-14 AY, approximately 24.7 percent of Sally Casanova Scholars receive funding for their Ph.D. program through the Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program
Scholar Data Since 2013

• 90 percent of the scholars are first generation
• 82 percent are students of color
• 65 percent of the scholars are female
• 20 percent are Juniors
• 20 percent are Seniors
• 60 percent are Master’s students

2019 UCLA Sally Casanova Scholar’s Summer Research Cohort
Program Details

• Supports the doctoral aspirations of CSU students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages

• Special emphasis is placed on increasing the number of CSU students who enter Ph.D. programs at one of the University of California campuses

• Applicants who are selected are designated a Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar and will work closely with a CSU faculty mentor

• The Scholar and mentor will develop an overall plan that leads to enrollment in a doctoral program
The Program Provides

- **Travel Funds** for the student to visit U.S. doctoral-granting institutions and/or to attend professional meetings appropriate to the student's development.

- **Development Funds** for other related activities, such as student membership in professional organizations, subscriptions to academic journals, graduate school applications and test fees, GRE preparation, and the cost of minor research materials, for example.

- **A Summer Research Experience** opportunity at a University of California campus or other U.S. major research university, fully funded by the Pre-Doctoral Program, so that the scholar can participate in doctoral-level research prior to applying to a Ph.D. program.
Participant Eligibility

• 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 2022 and who will also be enrolled at a CSU campus for at least one semester (or two (2) quarter terms) of the academic year 2022-2023.

• All CSU students may apply. 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.

• Ineligible students include: International students and students interested in obtaining professional masters or doctoral degrees (law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or an MBA degree, for example)
Application Details

• Only applications that have been viewed and approved by the campus coordinator are eligible for submission

• Components of the application include:
  • Personal Information
  • Educational Information
  • Three Essays
  • Faculty Mentor Letter of Recommendation
  • Student Budget Plan
  • Transcripts
Selection Criteria

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

• If you are interested in applying, you must contact your campus Pre-Doctoral Coordinator (Traci Statler, Director of Graduate Studies – tstatler@Fullerton.edu) for further information.

• Your DRAFT application, including application form, projected budget and essays must be submitted via email to Dr. Statler no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, February 4, 2022.

• Your FINAL approved online application, including transcripts, projected budget, faculty mentor letter of recommendation, and your essays, must be submitted electronically by no later than 11:59 P.M. on Friday, February 18, 2022. You can only gain access to the online submission process after being approved by your campus coordinator.
Important Dates

• Early December 2021: Application period opens with sample paper copy of the application available on the Pre-Doc website
• February 4th, 2022: Interested students must submit draft application to campus coordinator for final approval
• February 18, 2022: Applications due via the online site
• Mid-March 2022: Applicants are informed of the status of their application (accepted for review or declined)
• March/April 2022: Applications are reviewed and scored
• May 2022: Eligibility of potential scholars are verified
• June 2022: Applicants who are selected as Sally Casanova Scholars and Honorable Mentions are identified
Additional Information

• California Pre-Doctoral Website: http://www.calstate.edu/predoc

• Staff
  • Dr. Maridith Janssen, Faculty Director
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