

GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIPS

2008-2009

Program Description - Graduate Equity Fellowships are renewable for a maximum of six consecutive academic terms, pending available monies and satisfactory performance in one's graduate program. To qualify, a graduate student must fall into one or more of the following categories:

- a. economically disadvantaged
- b. have disabilities
- c. be a woman in the natural and mathematical sciences
- d. be from another underrepresented group.

Fellows are expected to be full-time graduate students and to complete their degree requirements within the one- or two-year time frame of their respective Master's program. Applicants are also encouraged to pursue advanced degrees (PhD, etc.) upon completion of study at CSUB, an item given consideration in the evaluation of the Personal Statement. Fellows may be expected to participate in some special program or department activities during the academic year. Although renewable, students must reapply for the fellowship in spring term for the next academic year.

Application Procedure - The applicant must:

1. Be enrolled in a CSUB graduate program (conditionally classified or classified).
2. Submit an application to the Financial Aid Office to determine financial need and eligibility.
3. Complete the Graduate Equity Fellowship application form (attached).
4. Provide two letters of academic recommendation; one of the two must be from the coordinator of the graduate program in which the applicant is enrolled.
5. Write and enclose a two-page Personal Statement that addresses the following issues.
 - What are your career goals? When did you initially become interested in the field of your graduate program, and what have you since learned about it and about yourself?
 - What explanations do you offer for any gaps or discrepancies in your academic record?
 - What personal characteristics (integrity, compassion, dedication, persistence, etc.) do you have that enhance your chances of being successful in your graduate program and career?
 - What skills (analytic, writing, leadership, team-building, etc.) do you have that enhance your chances of being successful in your graduate program and career?
 - What is (are) the most compelling reason(s) you can give for the Review Committee to recommend you for a Graduate Equity Fellowship? In other words, what is special, unique, distinctive, or impressive about you and/or your life history?
6. Include a copy of official or unofficial current and past transcripts.

**Applications must be submitted by Monday, May 12, 2008,
to the Office of Graduate Studies (EDUC 242)**