

California State University, Bakersfield

GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP

GUIDELINES

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Graduate Equity Fellowships are renewable for a maximum of four consecutive semesters, pending available monies and satisfactory performance in one's graduate program.

Fellows are expected to be full-time graduate students (six units per semester); must have and maintain an overall 3.0 GPA; and 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 (Ph.D., etc.) upon completion of study at CSUB, which is an item given consideration in the evaluation of the Personal Statement. Although renewable, students must reapply for the fellowship during spring semester for the next academic year.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The applicant must:

1. Be enrolled in a CSUB graduate program full-time (conditionally classified or classified). Provide copy of letter of acceptance into the Master's program (Please do not contact Admissions and Records to obtain a copy).
2. Submit FAFSA, CADA, or other documentation report to determine financial need.
3. Complete the Graduate Equity Fellowship application form.
4. Provide two letters of academic recommendation; one of the two must be from the director of the graduate program in which the applicant is enrolled. Letters are confidential and may be submitted electronically from the recommender to gsc@csub.edu, or in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal.
5. Compose a two-page personal statement that addresses the following issues:
 - What explanations do you offer for any gaps or discrepancies in your academic record?
 - What is (are) the most compelling reasons(s) you can give to the Review Committee in considering you for a Graduate Equity Fellowship, e.g., what successes have you had in overcoming hardships? What research opportunities will this award afford?
 - 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 personal characteristics do you have that enhance your chances of being successful in your graduate program and career?
6. Include a copy of official or unofficial current and past transcripts.
7. Priority will be given to those pursuing their first Master's degree.

All applications must be submitted to the Graduate Student Center in DDH C100, by the set deadline. For more information, call 661-654-2786.