

## **UC Smoke and Tobacco Free Student Fellowships**

### **Applications for 2017-18 now Open**

In support of the University of California's commitment to a smoke and tobacco free UC and its critical role in developing research, public health, and policy solutions for the rapidly evolving "smoking" landscape particularly among youth and young adults, the UC Systemwide Smoke and Tobacco Free Task force is soliciting applications for 2017-18 UC Smoke and Tobacco Free Student Fellowships. The purpose of these awards is to help foster the next generation of leaders to reduce the harms and social costs from smoking and use of tobacco products worldwide, and to enable UC to be a leader among university systems in maintaining smoke & tobacco free environments.

A total of ten fellowships of \$12,000 each will be awarded across the system. These fellowships are non-need-based and intended to support undergraduate or graduate student smoke and tobacco free projects among the ten UC campuses.

Below is background on these awards, a description of fellowship requirements, eligibility information, application requirements, review criteria and instructions on how to apply.

#### **Background and Rationale**

UC's landmark Smoke and Tobacco Free Policy resulted in healthier environments at all UC campuses and medical centers since January 2014. UC is the home for faculty who are international and national leaders in tobacco control research and services, with many notable achievements. UC was the genesis of the first international treaty focused on health, the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. The transdermal nicotine patch, a cornerstone of tobacco cessation therapy, was developed and patented at UC. While cigarette smoking rates have declined, tobacco-related diseases remain the number one killer of people throughout the world, in the United States and here in California. Confounding this phenomenon is the evolution of a rapidly changing and diverse "smoking" landscape with variation in use patterns among different populations. New tobacco and nicotine products, such as electronic cigarettes, vaping devices, and hookah have proliferated and there has been a growing intersection with the use of marijuana.

To meet the research, public health, and policy challenges presented by this rapidly changing and diverse "smoking" landscape, a generation of new leadership is required throughout UC. UC Smoke and Tobacco Free Student Fellowship recipients, with mentorship from our world-class faculty, will begin their development as future leaders in this new era working to ensure a smoke and tobacco free UC, California, U.S., and the world.

#### **Fellowship Requirements**

1. Conduct a one year project

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Fellows will conduct a smoke and tobacco free project or relevant research project to be completed within the one year duration of the award. Please note that recipients of these awards can begin their effort as early as July 1, 2017. Examples of projects or research include:

- a. UC smoke and tobacco free policy enforcement
    - Projects that design and pilot feasible and effective enforcement strategies for the UC smoke and tobacco free policy
  - b. Campus awareness and engagement
    - Creative projects that engage the campus community and raise awareness of tobacco and nicotine products and their impact on health and the environment
  - c. Wellness and health
    - Projects that target reductions in smoking and tobacco use among students, staff, faculty, patients and/or communities
2. Identify and meet regularly with a faculty mentor

Faculty mentors must provide a written commitment and recommendation as part of the application. Faculty mentors are not required to be actively working in tobacco control related areas, but may be paired with other UC faculty with expertise in tobacco control. If needed, system-wide task force members are available to assist applicants identify faculty mentors.

3. Participate in a systemwide curriculum on tobacco, tobacco control, new products, and emerging intersections with other substances conducted via webinar

The Systemwide Tobacco and Smoke Free Task Force will offer a series of webinars that will provide the fellows with current trends and research in tobacco, tobacco control, and emerging new products and trends.

4. Participate in their local campus and systemwide smoke and tobacco free task forces

The Fellow will be required to participate with their campus smoke and tobacco free task force and as indicated, to join teleconferences and meetings of the systemwide task force.

5. Prepare a Final Report

Fellows will be expected to prepare a written final report of their project by the end of the spring quarter 2018 and present it at a systemwide meeting at one of the UC campuses. This report should detail the actual work and accomplishments of the fellow over the course of the year. It should also include a plan for the dissemination of results and findings to inform both the systemwide community and potentially the California population as a whole.

### **Eligibility**

All undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled full-time at one of the University of California campuses are eligible to apply for these student fellowships. Undergraduates are particularly

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encouraged to apply for this unique opportunity to become engaged with an evolving issue with local, national and global significance. Past fellows are not eligible to apply.

**Application Requirements**

1. Application face page with student and faculty mentor contact information
2. Project summary describing the proposed project including the following specific information (750 word maximum for undergraduates and 1200 word maximum for graduate students):
  - a. Goal of the project
  - b. Significance of the project
  - c. Approach/methods for the project
  - d. Impact for campus (if applicable)
3. A statement describing the personal or career-related reasons for choosing the project (750 word maximum)
4. Curriculum vitae (CV) or resume
5. A letter of recommendation and commitment from the faculty mentor
6. A copy of the student’s email message notifying the local campus smoke and tobacco free task force that they are interested in applying for this fellowship.

**Review Criteria**

Fellow applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Originality of the project
2. Perceived impact on advancing UC smoke and tobacco free goals, projects and/or research at the campus and/or systemwide level
3. Feasibility of successfully completing the project on time
4. Possibility of expansion of the project to the system, local, national or global level
5. Strength of mentor’s recommendations and support

It is the applicant’s responsibility to review the criteria and provide all required information.

**How to Apply**

Applications must be submitted electronically.

<b>Call for applications released</b>	<b>March 30, 2017</b>
<b>Application deadline</b>	<b>12:00 noon PST, Friday, June 9, 2017</b>
<b>Announcement of awards</b>	<b>Week of June 26, 2017</b>
<b>Fellowships begin</b>	<b>July 1, 2017</b>
<b>Fellowships to be completed</b>	<b>June 30, 2018</b>

**For questions about the Student Fellowships and to submit your application, please contact your campus task force representative listed below:**

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