

**University of California**  
**Hispanic Serving Institutions Doctoral Diversity Initiative**  
**UC HSI-DDI**

President's Pre-Fellowship Program  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Why can't I see application information on the UC-HSI DDI website?**

- Although the President's Pre-Fellowship Program is part of the UC-HSI DDI effort, the graduate divisions from each of the UC campuses are responsible for administering the Fellowship program at their campuses, in consultation with, and using systemwide guidelines provided by UCOP. Please check with your campus graduate division.

**Who is eligible to be named a fellow?**

- The program's goal is to enhance faculty pathways for historically underrepresented groups, particularly Latinx, African Americans, American Indians/Native Americans, Filipinx, and Pacific Islanders in all disciplines; women in STEM; and Asian Americans in the humanities and social sciences. The intent of the program is to provide fellowships for domestic historically underrepresented minorities from California HSIs. For purposes of this fellowship, AB540 students are eligible. International students are not eligible for this fellowship.

**I am a medical student, can I apply?**

- No. This Fellowship program is only available to UC doctoral students who are matriculated in academic PhD programs—not professional programs—that have already advanced to candidacy. Professional students (e.g. M.D., J.D.) are not eligible.

**How long will my funding last?**

- Awardees will receive one stipend for one academic year (\$30,000). In addition to the stipend, students will also receive professional development funds (\$10,000). The graduate divisions on each campus will be responsible for providing those funds to the students directly.

**What is the criteria for selecting Fellows?**

- Must be exceptional students (as demonstrated by their research achievements).
- Must have received their undergraduate or master's degree from a California Hispanic Serving Institution (CA HSI)—public or private.
- Must have advanced to candidacy prior to being selected for the fellowship.
- Must have letters of support from Faculty Advisor(s) that address the student's performance and potential as an exceptional academic, and comment on the likelihood that the student will pursue a professoriate path after receiving their PhD.
- Must have a demonstrated record of advancing issues of inclusion, equity, and diversity; actively supporting underrepresented communities; and shows commitment to pursuing these efforts throughout their career.

**How many Fellows will be funded?**

- This systemwide effort will support two Fellows per UC campus, per year.

**UC-HSI DDI Website:** <https://www.ucop.edu/graduate-studies/initiatives-outreach/uc-hsi-ddi.html>

The UC-President's Pre-Fellowship Program is part of the UC-Hispanic Serving Institutions Doctoral Diversity Initiative (UC-HSI DDI), which aims to enhance faculty diversity and pathways to the professoriate for underrepresented students from California Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs). The program's goal is to enhance faculty pathways for historically underrepresented groups, particularly Latinx, African Americans, American Indians/Native Americans, Filipinx, and Pacific Islanders in all disciplines; women in STEM; and Asian Americans in the humanities and social sciences. The intent of the program is to provide fellowships for domestic historically underrepresented minorities from California HSIs. For purposes of this fellowship, AB540 students are eligible. International students are not eligible. This Fellowship program is only available to UC doctoral students who are matriculated in academic PhD programs and have advanced to candidacy. Professional students (e.g. M.D., J.D.) are not eligible. This systemwide effort will support two Fellows per campus, per year. For more information, please visit: <https://www.ucop.edu/graduate-studies/initiatives-outreach/uc-hsi-ddi.html>