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Subject: 2010 Summer Research Internships

Dear Scholar,

As you know, Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Scholars have the opportunity to participate in a summer research internship at the University of California (UC) or another doctoral-granting institution within California or anywhere in the United States. The purpose of the summer research internship is to allow you to pursue doctoral-level research (or performance/studio workshops for scholars of the arts) under the guidance of a faculty member at an institution of your choice. Past recipients of summer research internships speak enthusiastically about how exciting and valuable the experience was for them. They particularly emphasize that their internships helped them make essential contacts that helped with graduate school admissions or the assembling of dissertation committees. The internships also help Scholars assess their readiness for, and expectations concerning, doctoral study.

What Do the Programs Offer?

All of the UC summer research internship programs, and some at other major research universities, are structured programs that incorporate a wide range of preparatory activities. In addition to research, these activities may include workshops on financial aid, assistance in preparing for the Graduate Record Examination, lectures or seminars on the doctoral experience, colloquia with noted researchers, and cultural excursions. Students conduct research with a noted professor in their field of interest and have the opportunity to present their research at the end of the program. In the UC system summer research interns generally live in residence in the dormitories on campus. Married students and students with children should contact me; we can sometimes make special arrangements on a case-by-case basis. Programs at non-UC institutions vary greatly and may or may not be as structured as this description indicates.

Who May Apply?

The summer research internship is open to all Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Scholars (both undergraduate and graduate) in all fields of study. UC summer internships are described fully in the booklet entitled *Continue the Journey*, which you should have received by now. In

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the event that you have not, please visit <http://www.ucop.edu/journey/> to see the online version. Please disregard the statement in *Continue the Journey* that indicates UC summer research internship programs are for undergraduates only; all of the UC campuses accept graduate students from the California Pre-Doctoral Program. Summer research programs for graduate students are tailored to the student's interests, and would not, for example, require attendance at GRE workshops (although you may attend if you choose). Please note that most fields are represented in the UC summer research programs, even though they may not be mentioned in the booklet. In addition, scholars may design their own summer research internship in consultation with a faculty mentor from UC or at another doctoral institution. Students involved in MBRS and MARC programs, however, are not eligible for supplemental summer research support from the California Pre-Doctoral Program.

What Does the Summer Research Internship Cost?

The summer research internship is paid by the California Pre-Doctoral Program. This includes travel to the doctoral institution, housing, and program costs. The program also pays a summer research stipend that typically ranges from \$1,500 to \$3,000, depending on budget and the length of the program to which you apply. The stipend pays you for 8 to 10 weeks of research, 40 hours a week. Because of the time demands of the summer research internship, **Scholars may not be otherwise employed during the internship period.**

How Do I Find a Faculty Mentor?

You are strongly encouraged to identify and make contact with a potential faculty mentor at the doctoral institution in which you are most interested. Do not be afraid to pose directly the possibility of working together in the summer research internship. Remember: faculty members are not above a little self-interest, so they will readily see the attractiveness of a summer research intern who does not have to compete for scarce internship funding. It has been our experience that such directly negotiated pre-agreements result in faster placements and more successful internships. Consult with your own Pre-Doctoral Program faculty sponsor for suggestions on where to apply and with whom you should seek to work. You can also take advantage of your planned visits to doctoral institutions by inquiring about summer research internship possibilities. Some students select a faculty mentor by obtaining lists of faculty and their research interests directly from doctoral institutions or by searching the Internet for faculty who work in their area of interest. UC summer research coordinators also maintain contact with faculty who are interested in working with Pre-Doctoral Scholars. Once a faculty member has been identified, you or your Pre-Doctoral Program sponsor should initiate contact. A UC summer research internship coordinator can also do so if you list the faculty member's name on the attached application.

What University May I Attend?

You may receive financial support to attend a summer research internship at any U.S. doctoral-granting institution. Because the Pre-Doctoral Program has joint agreements with the University of California, the application and acceptance processes for the UC campuses are simplified. *In the case of an internship at a doctoral-granting university other than the UC, you are responsible for contacting that institution for help in making arrangements for admission, housing, and faculty sponsorship.* I will then work with you and the contact person at that university to determine financial and other needs.

How Do I Apply?

The Summer Research Internship Application Form is attached to this letter. You can also download it off the California Pre-Doctoral Program website at www.calstate.edu/predoc/. Please **TYPE** your application and return the form to our office by mail (it cannot be submitted online). **Please note that your faculty mentor must approve your application as indicated by her/his signature on page two.** Because the California Pre-Doctoral Program has pre-set agreements with the University of California, many of the UC campuses make special arrangements for the Pre-Doctoral Scholars; therefore all applications must go through the CSU Pre-Doctoral Program at the Office of the Chancellor.

Once again, I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities offered to you by the California Pre-Doctoral Program, especially the chance to undertake research with a scholar in your field at a doctoral-level institution. My office is here to help facilitate that process. If you have any questions, or if you have special circumstances that you feel may need to be addressed, please e-mail me or call (562) 951-4774. My goal is to see that every Sally Casanova Scholar has the opportunity to enjoy the excitement and challenges of advanced research this coming summer.

Sincerely,

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