

2021-22 Summer Research Experience Application

Introduction

All current Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral scholars, who are not admitted into a Ph.D. program for the fall 2022 academic year, have the opportunity to participate in a summer research experience at a University of California (UC), another accredited doctoral-granting institution within California, or anywhere in the United States. Summer research experiences will not be approved for a doctoral-granting institution outside the United States or at a CSU campus. The purpose of the summer research experience is to allow the scholar 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 their choice. Past recipients of summer research experiences speak enthusiastically about how exciting and valuable the experience was for them. They particularly emphasize that these experiences helped them make essential contacts that helped with graduate school admissions and the assembling of dissertation committees. These experiences also helped scholars manage expectations and assess readiness for doctoral study.

Summer Program Offerings

Most of the UC summer research programs, and some at other major research universities, are structured programs that incorporate a wide range of preparatory activities. These may include workshops on financial aid, assistance in preparing for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), lectures or seminars on the doctoral experience, colloquia with prominent researchers, and cultural excursions. Students conduct research with a noted professor in their field of interest and may have an opportunity to present their research at the conclusion of the program. In the UC system, summer research scholars generally live in dormitories on campus. Programs at non-UC institutions vary greatly and may not be as structured as this description indicates.

The California Pre-Doctoral Program has joint agreements with the University of California, and simplifies the application and acceptance processes for the UC campuses. In the case of a research experience at a doctoral-granting university other than the UC, the scholar is responsible for contacting that institution for help in making arrangements for admission, housing, and faculty sponsorship. The Pre-Doctoral Program Director will then work with the scholar and the appropriate contact at that university to determine other needs.

Eligibility

The summer research experience is only open to current Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral scholars (both undergraduate and graduate) in all fields of study. Scholars who accept admittance into a Ph.D. program for the fall 2022 year will not be eligible to participate in the summer research program. Scholars may design their own summer research experience in consultation with a faculty mentor from a UC or another doctoral institution. The summer research experience is only available during the scholarship year.

Funding

The summer research experience is funded by the California Pre-Doctoral Program. This includes travel to the doctoral institution, housing, food, and program costs. The program also pays a summer research stipend that typically ranges from \$4,000 to \$5,000, depending on the budget and on the host program. The stipend pays for 8 to 10 weeks of research, 40 hours a week. Scholars may have additional costs that are beyond the above listed expenses and are encouraged to budget accordingly for such expenses.

Identifying a Faculty Sponsor

Scholars are strongly encouraged to identify and make contact with a potential faculty sponsor at the doctoral institution in which they are most interested. Scholars should not be afraid to directly propose, to the faculty member, the possibility of working together in the summer research experience. Remember, faculty members are not above a little self-interest, so they will readily see the attractiveness of a summer research scholar who does not have to compete for scarce research funding. It has been our experience that such directly negotiated pre-agreements result in faster placements and more successful summer research experiences. Scholars are encouraged to consult with their Pre-Doctoral Program faculty mentor for suggestions on where to apply and with whom they should seek to work. During their scholarship year, scholars can also take advantage of their planned visits to doctoral institutions by inquiring about summer research experience possibilities during those visits. Some scholars select a faculty sponsor 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. Once a faculty member has been identified scholars, or their Pre-Doctoral Program faculty mentor, are encouraged to initiate contact with the faculty. UC summer research coordinators also maintain contact with faculty who are interested in working with Pre-Doctoral scholars. A UC summer research experience coordinator will also initiate the contact with the faculty member whose name is listed on the attached application.

Application

The summer research experience application is available only as a fillable PDF. Please send the complete application to Dr. Maridith Janssen, mjanssen@calstate.edu. A complete application requires the approval of your CSU faculty mentor through an electronic signature in the appropriate field. After applying to the summer research program, scholars who accept admittance into a Ph.D. program for fall 2022, are required to notify the Pre-Doctoral Program Director and will relinquish their summer research application.

Deadlines

The deadline for submitting the application is **February 11, 2022**. No applications will be accepted after this date.

The deadline for finalizing all the arrangements for research experience is May 6, 2022. No modifications will be allowed after that date. Any research site not finalized by May 6, 2022 will not be funded.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Am I able to be employed elsewhere during the summer?

A: No. Scholars are funded for full-time research. Additionally, to fulfill the expectations of the summer research experience, scholars may not work during this time period.

Q: Can I submit the summer research experience application directly to the UC campuses?

A: No. All applications must go through the CSU Pre-Doctoral Program at the Office of the Chancellor. Agreements with the University of California require special arrangements for the Pre-Doctoral Scholars.

Q: Can I apply for summer research if I will be applying to PhD programs for the fall 2022 year?

A: Yes, you are encouraged to apply whether or not you are applying to PhD programs for the fall. Scholars who are accepted into PhD programs for fall 2022 will still be eligible for summer research, but may receive reduced funding based on budgetary resources available.

Q: Do I need to contact my first faculty mentor choice prior to submitting my application?

A: Yes, you are required to make contact and have a verbal approval for summer research with this faculty prior to submitting your application to the Pre-Doc office.

Q: Will the Pre-Doc program help me find a faculty mentor at a doctoral granting institution?

A: No, please work with your CSU campus faculty mentor in identifying a faculty mentor at a doctoral granting institution.

Q: When will I find out if my application is approved and accepted?

A: You will hear from the Pre-Doc program in late February/early March about the status of your application. If additional information is needed the staff will request that from you prior to moving forward with your application.

Q: If approved for summer research, when will my funding be available?

A: Funding is processed in early May and should be available to you via your financial aid in mid to late May.

Q: If I am relocating to another town or state for my summer research will the Pre-Doc program find housing for me?

A: If you are participating in summer research outside of a UC campus, you will be responsible for finding housing for the eight weeks. The Pre-Doc office will not find housing for you. Many campuses have housing offices or graduate housing options available. You can work directly with the campus housing office, graduate students in the program or ask your faculty mentor for additional housing resources in the area.

Q: Are there any restrictions as to where I can go for my summer research?

A: You are only allowed to participate in summer research at a university in the United States. No out of country universities will be allowed.

Q: What states are on the Do-Not-Travel list for California. Can I still participate in summer research at one of them?

A: There are currently 17 states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia) on the do not travel list. No California funding can be provided for you to travel to these states.

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General Information

Name		CSU Campus
Email		Campus ID#
Phone		Class Level
Address		Major
City	State	Faculty Mentor Name
Zip Code		Faculty Mentor Email
		Expected Date of Graduation
		Start Doctoral Program

Ranked choices for Summer Research Experience

1	Campus Type Institution Department Program Living Arrangements Graduate application Status	Prospective Summer Mentor Name Title Email
2	Campus Type Institution Department Program Living Arrangements Graduate application Status	Prospective Summer Mentor Name Title Email
3	Campus Type Institution Department Program Living Arrangements Graduate application Status	Prospective Summer Mentor Name Title Email

Additional Questions

Rank your skills of the following categories

Computer Literacy
Laboratory Experiences
Library use
Writing Techniques

Signatures

I understand that incomplete applications, including those missing student and faculty mentor signatures, will not be processed. I also acknowledge that I must inform the California Pre-Doctoral Program Director when accepted to a doctoral program for fall 2022.

Scholar

Date

Faculty Mentor

Date

