

Subject: **Pre-doctoral Scholarship Opportunity**
Deadline: March 6, 2009

Dear CSULB Student:

You have been selected to receive a special invitation to apply to the Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar Program. This program is designed to assist students in preparing to enter doctoral programs. This program is not designed for students interested in attending a professional school (medical, law, pharmacy, dentistry) or those seeking an MBA degree. This outstanding opportunity has helped many former CSULB students open the door to doctoral study – some of whom are now professors at CSULB or other CSU campuses.

What does the Pre-Doctoral Scholars program offer?

CSULB will receive \$3,000 for each student who is selected as a Pre-Doctoral Scholar. These funds are designated to enable the Scholar and the Scholar's faculty sponsor to travel together to Ph.D.-granting institutions and professional meetings anywhere in the United States (a maximum of \$1,000 can be spent on the faculty sponsor's travel). Other eligible expenses include membership costs in professional organizations, applications fees, and other costs related to applying to a doctoral program. In addition, each Pre-Doctoral Scholar will have an opportunity to apply for a summer grant to work on an approved research program, typically at a University of California campus. Each student applying to the Pre-Doctoral Program must select a CSU faculty sponsor who will be available to work with the student during the 2009-10 academic year in implementing a plan to prepare the student for enrollment in a doctoral program. The plan

should be tailored to the specific academic needs and career objectives of the student.

Who is eligible to apply to the Pre-Doctoral Scholars Program?

Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholars must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents at the time of application. They must also be upper-division or master's degree students currently enrolled at a CSU campus and who plan to be enrolled during at least one semester of the 2009-10 academic year. Therefore, students who anticipate enrolling in a doctoral program in fall 2009 are not eligible to apply. Additionally, past or current Pre-Doctoral Scholars may not reapply.

What are the selection criteria for Pre-Doctoral Scholars?

Pre-Doctoral Scholars will be selected on the basis of three principal criteria: (1) potential for success in a doctoral program; (2) probable effectiveness of the plan developed jointly by the student and faculty sponsor; and (3) degree of economic and educational disadvantage. Applications are evaluated at the campus level and by a statewide panel of CSU and UC faculty.

Where are applications available?

The application materials can be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.calstate.edu/PreDoc/Application.shtml>. The applications cannot be submitted electronically, however. You will need to print out the completed application and submit it in paper format.

Completed applications (one paper copy of both the student and faculty sponsor portions and one official transcript from all colleges and universities attended) are **due in the Office of Academic Affairs, Brotman Hall 303, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2009.**

Winners of the 2009-10 Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholars Program will be announced by the Office of the Chancellor in June, 2009.

If you are considering graduate study at the doctoral level, I urge you to take advantage of this outstanding program. If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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