



**CSULB GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP  
2022-2023 Academic Year**

The Graduate Fellowship (GF) provides substantive financial support to master's and doctoral students *who contribute to diversity, advance equity, and/or promote/contribute to the public good in their field of study* either via scholarship, research, and creative efforts or via active engagement in programs or activities. The GF award is \$4,500 per semester (up to \$9,000 for the 2022-2023 academic year) and is non-renewable. Graduate Studies will award two GFs per College, and each College shall nominate their top two applicants via their College Dean's Office to Graduate Studies (@[Michelle.Ramirez@csulb.edu](mailto:Michelle.Ramirez@csulb.edu)).

**Eligibility Requirements**

- A. Be in good academic standing in a master's or doctoral program at CSULB (Advancement to Candidacy is not required at the time of application);
- B. Be classified as a California resident for fee purposes; and
- C. Plan to be enrolled in a CSULB graduate program at the time of receiving the fellowship.

**Application Components**

- 1. *Application Form* (see page 2).
- 2. *Narrative* (3-page double-spaced maximum) that describes *either*:
  - a. Your scholarship, research, and creative activities during your graduate program and how that work promotes the public good, *or*
  - b. Your active engagement (e.g., service, community work teaching, participation, employment, or other) in programs or activities that promote diversity, advance equity, and/or elevate historically underrepresented and/or marginalized groups.

The narrative must *also* include a discussion of:

- c. Your educational, personal, cultural, economic, or social experiences that have shaped your academic journey, and how any of these experiences give you unique perspectives that contribute to your program, work, field, or profession *and*
  - d. How your experiences, challenges, and educational progress informed your understanding of the barriers facing underrepresented and marginalized groups.
- 3. *Unofficial Transcripts*, including graduate coursework (if any); and the last two years (60 semester/90 quarter units) of undergraduate work.
  - 4. *Faculty Recommendation Letter* (2-page, double-spaced maximum) that highlight how the applicant has and will contribute to diversity, advance equity, and/or promote the public good in their field of study.

Requirements for narrative and faculty mentor letter:

- ✓ Font should be no less than 11-point.
- ✓ Margins should be set at no less than one (1) inch on all sides of the paper.
- ✓ Written for the general reader, avoiding jargon with which only those in a particular discipline or profession are familiar.

**Note:** All materials must be sent to Graduate Studies (@[Michelle.Ramirez@csulb.edu](mailto:Michelle.Ramirez@csulb.edu)) by Friday, April 15, 2022 at 5:00PM. **Programs and Colleges have earlier deadlines. Please check with your Graduate Advisor for your program's application deadline.**



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Application Form

Form with fields: First Name, Last Name, CSULB Email, Phone, Street Address, City, State, & Zip Code, CSULB ID Number, Expected Graduation Date, Graduate Program, Graduate GPA, Undergraduate Major/Program, Undergraduate GPA, First-Generation College Student, Financial Aid Eligible.

If you are financial aid eligible, please confirm (initial or N/A) that you:

Submitted the 2022-23 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to the processing agency (not required for non-California residents). NOTE: FAFSA deadline is March 2, 2022.

Will respond to any requests for additional documents by the Financial Aid Office to complete this application.

If awarded, affirm that you:

- Understand that the Graduate Fellowship award must be coordinated with other types/sources of aid for which you are being considered, and thus, other awards may be adjusted/reduced as a result;
Will commit to maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress, as set forth in the University catalog and in CSULB campus policy for financial aid; and
Will submit a one-two page GF final report/executive summary that describes the work/effort and how it contributed to diversity, advanced equity, and/or promoted the public good in your field of study to the Office of Graduate Studies (@Michelle.Ramirez@csulb.edu).

Applicant Signature Date