



Program Description

Purpose:

- The Pi Alpha Alpha, CSUDH Chapter (PAA-CSUDH) Research Fellowship Award Program aims to promote graduate and undergraduate scholarship through offering PAA members and prospects in the CSUDH Department of Public Administration the opportunities to work under the supervision of faculty on research projects of their interests.

Funding and Opportunities:

- Each awarded student will be granted a fellowship amount of **\$700** for working on a research project of his or her interest;
- The award funding is supported by the PAA-CSUDH annual membership dues and donations;
- The number of awards depends on the budget and funding level of the PAA-CSUDH;
- Awarded students will be paired with faculty whose expertise matches the student's research interest (with faculty consent) and receive guidance from the faculty (aka., faculty mentors) on conducting social research and getting hands-on research experiences;
- Awarded students will earn a chance to receive recommendation letters from their faculty mentors;
- Other benefits:
 - Research projects developed from the Fellowship Award Program may evolve into research publications, conference presentations, CSUDH Student Research Day papers/posters, students' Capstone projects, or external grant proposals.
 - Having the Fellowship Award listed on resume demonstrates strong analytical capabilities, research experience, critical thinking ability, and communication skills when students are on the job market.

Responsibilities and Expectations:

- Awarded students are expected to work on a research project for at least ONE semester and up to two semesters during the award period (i.e., current academic year).
- Awarded students are expected to develop a **1-page project plan** with their faculty mentors within two weeks of receiving the award; the plan should indicate their

research topics, hours they expect to work on the project, and **at least ONE expected deliverable** from the following choices:

1. A paper or poster presentation at CSUDH Student Research Day;
 2. A paper or poster presentation at regional, national or international academic conferences;
 3. A research proposal for capstone projects (a minimum of 15 pages, double spaced);
 4. A research proposal for external grant applications (a minimum of 15 pages, double space); or
 5. A manuscript submitted for scholarly journal publication (a minimum of 15 pages, double spaced).
- Awarded students should obtain the approval from their faculty mentors about their choices of the above deliverables.
 - Students can work flexibly in terms of weekly hours and locations on the research project but must work **a minimum of 45 hours** on the project during the award period.
 - The deliverables must be submitted to the PAA-CSUDH Research Fellowship committee by the end of award period.

Eligibility of Applications

- All PAA members (enrolled or graduated), as well as PAA prospects are encouraged to apply.
- “PAA prospects” are students who have the intention to join PAA and demonstrated strong potentials, despite not being inducted. Such candidates should meet the following qualifications:
 - Graduate students: must have completed 12 units (PUB500-level) with a GPA of 3.7 or above;
 - Undergraduate students: must have completed 12 units (PUB300 or 400-level) with a GPA of 3.5 or above in Public Administration.
- Alumni who are active PAA members are also encouraged to apply.

How to Apply

1. Fill in the required **application form** online: <https://forms.gle/pm3okRtquxifHSst7>
 - This form asks you to indicate your research interest, goals, and relevant research experience.
2. Email **your CSUDH Transcript** (unofficial is acceptable) and **a writing sample** to Dr. Rui Sun at rsun@csudh.edu and Dr. Zheng Yang at zyang@csudh.edu.
 - Your writing sample can be a course paper, CSUDH Student Research Day paper, or other class assignments that can demonstrate your research potentials and writing skills.
3. Deadline: **September 30, 2020 11:59pm**